

Robinson Run Watershed Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: November 30, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Location: McDonald Borough

Attendees: Johnna Zona (North Fayette Township)
Bill Hartman (Oakdale Borough)
Marilou Ritchie (McDonald Borough)
Pat Powell (McDonald Borough)
Erin Sakalik (Mount Pleasant Township)
Rebecca Zeyzus (Allegheny Watershed Alliance)
Amy Miller (Allegheny County Conservation District)
Joe Sites ()
Laura (Bridgeville Borough)

Welcome and Introductions

October 7th Robinson Run meeting held at North Fayette Township was discussed to the group to catch up the members that did not attend.

Topics Discussed

- Rebecca discussed the Allegheny Watershed Alliance and how they can help form a watershed group for Robinson Run. The AWA is able to provide umbrella 501 (c) (3), or nonprofit, status to the group. This means that the group will not have to file paperwork with the IRS to become incorporated in order to apply for grant funding, apply for Director's and Officer's insurance, or conduct a yearly audit. The group will still operate as an autonomous body; the AWA will act as the fiscal agent. The AWA can also aid in developing grant applications, develop marketing materials for any volunteer opportunities, facilitate partnership opportunities, and act as a neutral arbiter. Additionally, the AWA is housed by the Allegheny County Conservation District, which provides additional expertise and resources for activities undertaken by this group.
- Attendees decided that there will officially be a watershed group and it is called "Chartier's Municipal Watershed Alliance". Members currently consist of: North Fayette Township, Oakdale Borough, McDonald Borough, Bridgeville Borough, and Mount Pleasant Township. Other municipalities are more than welcome to join at any time.
- Johnna Zona from North Fayette Township has contacted Jeff Benedict with the Army Corps of Engineers and he is providing all the information which will be given to Rebecca. Once Rebecca receives the information, it will be uploaded to a program to distinguish the targeted priority areas.
- The Allegheny Watershed Alliance (AWA) is drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to send to all the members. This MOU will establish the responsibilities of the parties. **The MOU is to be reviewed, signed, and returned to the AWA by February 1st, 2017.**
- If all members attend the next meeting, the group will elect board members.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 4th, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Oakdale Borough Community Center