

## **Robinson Run - Chartier's Creek Watershed Municipal Alliance Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time:** May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**Location:** Bridgeville Borough at 3:00pm

**Attendees:** Johnna Zona (North Fayette Township)  
Bill Hartman (Oakdale Borough)  
Marilou Ritchie (McDonald Borough)  
Pat Powell (McDonald Borough)  
Rebecca Zeyzus (Allegheny Watershed Alliance)  
Amy Miller (Allegheny County Conservation District)  
Tom McDermott (Solicitor)  
Lori Collins (Borough of Bridgeville)  
Kyle Thauvette (Collier Township)  
Joanne Letcher (Carnegie Borough)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone was welcomed and introduced. New faces included Kyle Thauvette from Collier Township and Joanne Letcher of Carnegie Borough. Kyle is the Manager of the Township and Joanne is the Executive Director of Community Development.

### **Topics Discussed**

- A copy of the Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement was discussed. One of the topics included the name change of the organization. Tom McDermott, Solicitor, explained that the focus is on the Robinson Run but also wanted to encompass the watershed as a whole (Chartier's). This way it can include a larger group of municipalities i.e. Bridgeville, Collier, and Carnegie. No one opposed the name change and we will keep moving forward with the process.
- Carnegie and Collier will be sent the agreement so they can bring it to their elected officials. They may join at any time they wish. Joining the watershed group does not commit you to any projects. You may pick and choose what projects you think will best suit your municipality.
- It was discussed that there will be 2 members per municipality elected to the board. One member MUST be an elected official. The other member is to be appointed by the elected members of the municipality. These 2 names will be given by the next meeting to make up the board of the watershed group.
- Most of the municipalities, with exception to the new members, are in the process of advertising the ordinance or already have them enacted. Once they are signed and enacted, please send the signature page to Johnna Zona to comply the pages into one document.
- The Conservation District is creating a program that will compile projects and put them through a rated matrix. The projects will be rated on: return on investment, sediment loading, multiple community/group efforts, community support, shovel readiness, etc. Based on those things, the projects will be rated for different grants. The projects can include bioswales, stream restorations and others. This project will be implemented by early fall, so it is best that the group get enacted as quickly as possible and think of possible projects.

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at 10 AM at Collier Township. For GPS directions, enter the Collier Township Tax Office address.
- **The September meeting will be the first official meeting of our newly established group. It is imperative that the 2 members of each municipality attend. This is the elected official of the municipality as well as the appointed member.**
- During this meeting, the officers will be elected.

**Adjournment/Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Collier Township