

# LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY

415 Franklin Street  
Carlisle, PA 17013

## MINUTES OF THE LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY

May 19, 2005

The meeting was held on Thursday, May 19, 2005, at the Community Center in Carlisle, PA. Chairman, Shirley Ruhl called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

*Members Present:* Mr. Keith Bailey, Mr. Dave Baric, Mr. Richard Darr, Mr. Chip Fenton, Mr. Chris Houston, Ms. Lauren Imgrund, Mr. Erich Messerschmidt, Mr. Lance Percival, Ms. Shirley Ruhl, and Mr. Tom Stenehjem

*Members Absent:* Mr. James Richenderfer

*Staff Present:* Mr. John Broujos, Mr. Brian Fischbach, and Ms. Kathy Russell

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chris made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting; Dick seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS** - None

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

**Solicitor** - No Report

### **Administrative Information**

*Keystone Arms/Dickinson College Conservation Easement Agreement* – Shirley sent a letter to Keystone Arms requesting their execution of the Easement Agreement. A plan was presented to Middlesex Township Board of Supervisors at their Friday work session meeting at 7:30 a.m. Brian attended the meeting on behalf of the LRA. They were requesting permission to install a gravity sewer line from the Keystone Arms project through the Carlisle Campground project to Harmony Hall Road to tie in to the gravity line that leads into a pump station at the intersection of the stream and Harmony Hall Road. This would eliminate a pump station in Middlesex Township that was shown on the plan and a pump station in North Middleton Township, as well as a force main crossing under the stream parallel to Post Road. Brian did not object. They were asking to waive all land development requirements and to process this as a utility plan recorded at the

courthouse. Brian reminded them that the LRA has a review opportunity within the ordinance and they would be waiving that requirement. Brian asked if there was an impact to the easement area and the engineer responded that yes there was. Brian asked to review the plans and reported back to them by Wednesday. Brian responded in writing with two comments and he thinks they got their approval on Wednesday.

We are on a wait-and-see mode on getting approval for this easement project.

2005 Stream Clean-up Event – A successful clean up day was held on April 30. We had a great turnout from the Dickinson College football team.

“The Realization of a Pipe Dream” – June 2004 – Brian received several revised copies of the environmental case study for the Mully Grub from Candi Wilerman. Copies were made available for members to review.

PA State Water Plan – Brian passed out information on the PA State Water Plan noting that there are public meetings coming up.

Senate Bill 436 – Brian received a call from a gentleman from Western Pennsylvania who inquired as to what the LRA does. His group is looking into doing something similar in his area. He passed on Senate Bill #436 Session 2003 regarding joint watershed zoning. Brian asked John to look at the bill, do some research to see if this bill is going anywhere, and see if its something we should support. John will report back at the next meeting.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATUS**

Receipts - \$0

Bills Requiring Approval:

May bills to be paid are as follows:

Brian L. Fischbach -- Executive Director services and expenses.....	\$458.33
Kathy Russell -- Recording Secretary services .....	\$85.00
Office Rental .....	\$70.50
Sprint .....	\$31.88
Printed Image .....	\$63.60
Brian L. Fischbach (Petty Cash) .....	<u>\$119.78</u>
<b>TOTAL bills requiring approval .....</b>	<b><u>\$829.09</u></b>

Tom submitted the May bills for payment. Chris made a motion to approve payment of the expenses; Erich seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Tom submitted the authority's financial summary account balances as follows:

*Petty Cash:* Reimbursed Petty Cash \$119.78 returning the balance to \$ 150.00.

*Checking Account:* Beginning balance of \$100.00; add interest for April '05 + \$.58; transfer from Gen Fund Account +\$828.51, minus payment of approved bills (May) - \$828.51, leaving an ending balance of \$100.00.

*Savings Account:* The beginning balance is \$20,445.98, add interest for April 2005 +\$17.17, minus transfer to checking account (May bills) - \$828.51, leaving a closing balance of \$19,634.64.

*Money Mgmt. - Growing Greener (Grant) Account:* Beginning balance is \$120.20; add April 2005 interest +2.28, leaving a closing balance of \$122.48.

**GRAND TOTAL: \$ 20,007.12**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### *Finance / Budget*

- 2005 Budget Report: Tom reported one addition – add \$17.17 for April's interest. The budget aligns.

#### *Easement & Nature Trail –*

- **Bonnybrook Road Parking Lot** – No report
- **Tressler Involvement in Fixing Structures** – No report
- **Willow Crossing Condominium Association Easement Agreement** – Dick suggested that this matter be taken off of the monthly meeting agenda. He will continue to monitor and report back when new issues arise.
- **Property / Easement Atlas** – Brian will soon be wrapping up the work on this project. He's working with RETTEW to resolve the issue of Easement 17 and awaiting the aerial files.

*Water Quality* – No Report

Project Review - No Report

Long Range Planning - July 23 and July 30 were penciled in as tentative dates for the retreat. Chris will follow-up with Jim to see if he's made contact with Hank Abberman, the facilitator, on his availability.

John Broujos will look into whether or not the event will need to be advertised to the public.

Public Relations – No Report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** -

- ***Tree of Heaven*** – Brian and Lance met with Bob McBride, a service forester out of Michaux State Forest, to walk the nature trail. Mr. McBride stated that the Tree of Heaven was not really the problem, but it is everything else growing out there. He suggested that we take aggressive action now, clear cut the area, get rid of as many plants as possible, get proper herbicides applied to the stumps, and replant a variety of plants to replace the evasive growths. There is an opportunity for them to give us a 90% grant to write an action plan as to how to approach this project. This is a significant project and may take up to five years to complete. Discussions on this project will be included in the Long Range Planning Retreat agenda.
- ***Geologic Hazards Investigation*** – Brian received information from Rettew. He will work on the report to the state on the proposal versus what we received.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA**

Tom made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; Chip seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the LeTort Regional Authority is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Carlisle, PA.

June 16, 2005 \_\_\_\_\_

Date Adopted

Lance Percival, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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Prepared by: Kathy L. Russell, Recording Secretary