

LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY
415 Franklin Street
Carlisle, PA 17013

MINUTES OF THE LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY
April 17, 2008

The meeting was held on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at the Carlisle Community Center. Chris Houston called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Dave Baric, Tom Colestock, Lauren Imgrund, Erich Messerschmidt, Kevin Spicer, Tom Stenehjem, and Herb Weigl

Members Absent: Mark Bishop, John Greenbaum

Staff Present: Mike Blumenthal, Kathy Russell, and Dale Shughart

Staff Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave made a motion to approve the March minutes, Tom seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS - Julie Vastine and Lindsay Hunt from ALLARM presented a status report on the LeTort Festival. They distributed an outline of the events scheduled for the day as well as advertising posters. They also presented several informative posters to raise public awareness on storm water management, to help connect people to the LRA, and to encourage healthy stream habits.

A documentary on the LeTort Spring will be shown at the LeTort Festival, and B&L will be displaying the finalized Master Trail Plan drawings.

STAFF REPORTS:

Solicitor (Dale Shughart) –

- Keystone Arms easement – Nothing new to report. Dale will call Charlie Courtney again for an update. Lauren will contact Mark Carpenter for a status report.
- Willow Crossing easement – Dave met with Mike Adler who will check on the status.
- Burgoon-Watercress Beds easement – The meeting went in to an executive session to discuss this matter.

Executive Director (Mike Blumenthal)

- 2008 SEC Statement of Financial Interests – Mike still needs a SFI form from Mark and John.
- LeTort Park RR bridge repair:
 - Mike received three bids for repair and replacement:
 - (1) Galbraith: Replacement: \$12,536.22, +\$7,756.11 for steel railing or +\$1,414.34 for pressure treated wood guardrails.
 - (2) McCoy Brothers: Replacement: \$12,404.00 / Repairs: \$8,400.00
 - (3) McCorkel: Replacement: \$9,828.00 / Repairs: \$7,145.00

After some discussion, it was determined that McCorkel's replacement (of the wood structure and adding a treated wood railing) bid would be the best solution.

Last year we had funded to us \$11,500 from a contractor who was in violation of the Corp of Engineer. We indicated in our agreement that we would use those funds for various maintenance projects. Chris reviewed our 2000 LeTort Spring Run Watershed Conservation Plan and determined that the language would allow us to use these funds for the bridge repair.

Erich made a motion to accept the McCorkel \$9,828.00 bid to replace the bridge under Option #2; Herb seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mike will execute the contract with McCorkel and mail it tomorrow.

- Mike submitted a trail safety \$2,000 50/50 grant application to PennPRIME for bridge repair.
- The Carlisle Borough will repair mully grub riprap damage on S. Bedford Street at rear of Bartoli's property.
- Mike reported that the LRA e-mail and telephone are now operational.
- Mike provided a letter of support to WREN on behalf of an ALLARM grant application.
- LSR deed/easement/survey binder
 - There are no copies in the LRA office. Erich seems to have our only copy. Mike has e-mailed Brian Fischbach asking where the additional copies may be.

Friends of LeTort (Lauren Imgrund) –

- LeTort Cleanup Day
 - United Way Annual Day(s) of Caring volunteers: assigned cleanup areas? - Mark has three groups to target the cleanup behind the Lamberton School.

Information and Education (Kevin Spicer) –

- LeTort Cleanup Day activities – This topic was already discussed under Presentations above.
 - Mike registered the LeTort Cleanup Day with the Pennsylvania River's Day. As a result of this registration, we will receive free gloves, clean up bags, and safety vests. All supplies are available at Penn DOT for as many people as needed.

Long Range Planning - (Chris Houston – Chairperson)

- **Master Trail Plan –**
 - Phase 1 Draft Plan from BL and MTP update – Mark Heeb supplied draft plans and narrative for our review and comments. Plans will be distributed to supporting municipalities and the county for their review and comments with a 30-day time period. After all of the reviews and comments have been received, the Steering Committee will meet to review the plans.
 - A meeting will be set up to get input on Phase I (improvements to the existing nature trail). We will invite representatives from Trout Unlimited, Soil & Conservation, and ALLARM. We should also invite the regional representative from DCNR, Mike Pascowski, who is the grant person for this region, and from the Steering Committee, Andrea Crouse, and Brian O'Neil, who is the township engineer for South Middleton. Mike will contact the Conservation District to see if they think someone from DEP should be invited?
 - Chris and Mike will coordinate a time and date for this meeting.
- Senator Vance's Community Revitalization Program funding grant – This topic has already been discussed.
 - Press Release – ALLARM will handle the press release in conjunction with the LeTort Festival.

Easement & Nature Trail (Chairman, Dave Baric)

- **Camping World easement** - Keith Plasterer wants to see the final plan.
- **Garrison Lane easement** – This topic should be removed from the agenda.

Project Review - (Erich Messerschmidt – Chairperson)

- Petersburg – SMT – Erich reviewed this plan and had one minor comment.
- Carlisle Airport Runway – SMT – Erich has received the plan review fee and storm water analysis and made several comments.

Public Relations / History – (Herb Weigl – Chairperson):

- LeTort Cleanup Day – This topic was already discussed under presentations above. After ALLARMS press release is received we will determine if an additional press release needs to be sent out on the cleanup day.

Water Quality (Lauren Imgrund) -

- USGS – LSR annual discharge data – Lauren received the monitoring results from ALLARM. She asked ALLARM to put together a fact sheet on what the normal range of parameter is, i.e. turbidity, light scattering cloudiness factor.
- Mike contacted Bob Hanley, Assistant Director of USGS – they are working on coming up with a statistical analysis and Mike will give a report at the next meeting.

Public Comments – None

OLD BUSINESS –

- Chris reported that the Traffic Study for downtown Carlisle was awarded to Dewberry-Goodkind Inc. Chris said they gave an excellent presentation. They have started their statistical work and it will be recommended that the bicycle component be included in the study.
- Tom C. expressed an interested in the Newville/Carlisle Rails to Trails project. Tom has asked Steve Hitch, the Borough Manager, to contact him when he had something positive to report. Tom also talked to Mark Heeb on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chris was contacted by Jim Flower to advise that the Carlisle School District is planning on expanding the Lamberton and LeTort Schools. They want to get early input from the LRA as to what concerns we would have with respect to that construction. Mike will respond indicating our concerns:
 - impervious cover
 - storm water runoff
 - Outflow of the storm water sewer coming from the Carlisle Commons parking lot – causing sink holes.

- We would also encourage that they give us the opportunity to review construction plans as early as possible.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Tom S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kevin seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the LeTort Regional Authority is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Carlisle Community Center in Carlisle, PA.

Date Adopted

Lauren Imgrund, Secretary

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