



**West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition
Meeting Report
Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

Opening This meeting of the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition was called to order at 6:30 pm by Kathleen Lavelle. The meeting was held at the Clearfield County Conservation District office.

Present The meeting was attended by: Kelly Williams, Kathleen Lavelle, Dan Collins, Katelynn Sallack, Ryan Heisler, Erin Cantrell, Terry O'Connor, Bradley Billotte, Ken Undercoffer, Mick and Joyce McKay, Ann Donovan, and Art and Delores Rose.

Information and Discussion Items

Item 1: Introductions: Those present introduced themselves and stated the group(s) they represent.

Item 2: The minutes of the April 25, 2017 meeting were distributed and reviewed. The meeting report will be changed to include a list of grants available.

Item 3: Terry O'Connor provided handouts about the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Beetle as well as a flyer for Bilger's Rocks. Ken Undercoffer discussed the catch and release regulations, including all tackle, being proposed for the headwaters of the West Branch of the Susquehanna where AMD recovery is well underway and wild trout populations are recovering. Kathleen Lavelle introduced the Trout Unlimited interns and discussed the upcoming summer work. She also updated everyone on the progress of the West Branch Susquehanna Recovery Benchmark II Project. Most of the streams have been sampled, but macroinvertebrate samples for some streams have not been completed due to inclement weather and dangerous conditions. These sites will be sampled next spring. Fisheries surveys will be conducted in July.

Item 4: The legislative update did not get to Kathleen in time for the meeting; however, anyone with questions is encouraged to reach out to Amy Wolfe at awolfe@tu.org for more information at any time.

Item 5: Kelly Williams reminded the group of various upcoming grant opportunities.

ARIPPA Mine Reclamation Mini-Grants – due July 7

Foundation for PA Watershed Grants – LOI due August 15, full proposal due September 19

AMD Technical Assistance Grants – always available: <http://www.wbsrc.org/tag.html>.

Item 6: Watershed updates were provided by those present on behalf of the organization(s) that they represent.

The next meeting will be held on September 12, 2017 at the Clinton County Conservation District.