



Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Management Council Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2021

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The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Chair, Richard Dodds of Kingwood Township, NJ. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. There were 27 attendees, including 5 members of the Steering Committee, one Delaware River Greenway Partnership staff member, and a National Park Service (NPS) staff member.

Council Business:

- **Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations.
- **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by CC Hopf, seconded by Robert McEwan, to accept the March 25, 2021 meeting minutes, previously posted at www.lowerdelawarewildandscenic.org. Passed.
- **2021 Mini-Grant Program:** The 2021 mini-grantees and their projects were announced. These entities will share \$20,000 in funding: Aquetong Watershed Association for the Aquetong Watershed Water Quality Monitoring Program (PA); Bucks Audubon Society for the Teen Conservation Corps and Riparian Buffer Restoration Project (PA); Delaware Riverkeeper Network for the Flexible Flow Reservoir Releases to Improve Tohickon Creek Health Video Production (PA); Greater Lambertville Chamber of Commerce for the Alexauken Creek Community Education & Public Art Project (NJ); New Jersey Audubon Society for the Water Quality Monitoring Through a Youth Corp Partnership (NJ); Splash Delaware River Steamboat Classroom for Water Education for the Public: Phytoplankton: Jewels of the Delaware River Class (NJ).
- **Invitation for Membership and Steering Committee Representation:** Chairman Dodds and NPS Liaison Sarah Bursky invited attendees to get more involved in Wild and Scenic activities and to consider a role on the Steering Committee.
- **Final Analysis - River Use Study:** Risa Shimoda, Lower Delaware River Use Capacity Study Consultant, presented her analysis resulting from a town hall meeting, a questionnaire, and one-on-one interviews. Slides from her presentation can be found [here](#). The final report can be found [here](#).
- **Proposed Rockfall Mitigation Project in Kingwood Township, NJ (Hunterdon County):** Chairman Dodds reported that multiple NJ governmental entities adopted resolutions including [Frenchtown](#), [Kingwood](#), and [Hunterdon County](#). He also reported that the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania wrote a [letter](#) about the project and that the Tincum Township, PA Supervisors heard a presentation from the Devil's Tea Table Alliance. A representative of the I80 Coalition shared updates about the proposed rockfall mitigation project at the Delaware Water Gap.
- **Current Issues Being Tracked:** Attendees heard updates about several matters:
 - Second [Letter](#) About Trenton-Mercer Airport Expansion [Environmental Assessment](#)
 - Warehouse Development [Comment Letter](#) (Upper Mt Bethel Twp, PA)
 - Quarry [Operation](#) and [Proximity](#) to River - Comment [Letter](#) (Pohatcong Twp, Warren County, NJ)
 - Stockton Inn Development – Comment [Letter](#) (Stockton, NJ)
- **For Information Only:** Several items were shared for information only:
 - PennEast Before U.S. Supreme [Court](#)
 - Carversville [Inn](#) (Near Paunacussing [Creek](#)) [Letter](#) Submitted (Solebury Twp, PA)
 - Quarry [Application](#) (Springfield Twp., PA) [Letter Submission](#)
 - Warehouse Development [Proposal](#) (White Township, NJ)
 - Nockamixon Dam Water Supply Analysis & Tohickon Creek
- **New Business/Municipal Announcements:** Judy Henckel of Upper Mt Bethel Twp, PA shared information regarding a proposed warehouse development in town. CC Hopf of Bridgeton, PA shared concerns about truck traffic along the Delaware River between Bridgeton, PA and Milford, NJ.
- **2021 Dates of Importance:** The next LDWS Council meetings will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 23 and Thursday, December 16. In addition, the NJ Clean Communities Annual Delaware River Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 18.
- **Next Meetings & Adjournment:** With no new business, meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.