

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 17, 2017
TO: Mason Dixon Task Force
FROM: Robert Thaeler, Vice-Chairperson
SUBJECT: Minutes of November 17, 2016 Meeting

Attendees at the Mason-Dixon Task Force Meeting were:

David Black	Cecil County
Jason Boothe	Cecil County
Moe Davenport	Harford County
BJ Decoursey	Univ. of Delaware
Shane Grim	Harford County
Joe Heffner	York County
Robert Thaeler	Adams County
Martin Wollaston	Univ. of Delaware

I. Administrative:

- **Minutes of the August 11, 2016 Meeting.**

The minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting were mailed to the members. Mr. Heffner motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Black seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

- **Treasurer's Report.**

Mr. Grim provided the Treasurers Report on behalf of Tony McClune, who had received the report from Carrie Conwell but was unable to attend. Interest to the account was \$0.20 over the past three months. Ending balance was \$7,894.99. Mr. Grim moved to accept the report. Mr. Black seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

- **Correspondence.**

No written correspondence was received.

- **Nominating Committee.**

Mr. Heffner reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the 2017 calendar year

Tony McClune – Chair
Robert Thaeler – Vice-Chair

Carrie Conwell – Treasurer

- **Auditing Committee**

The Auditing Committee was established for the purposes of reviewing finances for the 2016 calendar year. Members are Mr. Boothe, Mr. Wollaston, and Mr. Heffner.

II. Discussion of County Host Program

The members discussed a wide variety of potential County Host Programs that could be facilitated. The potential programs discussed included the following.

Delaware Program: Mr. Wollaston indicated that he is still interested in the potential for a program at Fort Delaware. Some uncertainty exists given his pending retirement. However, the potential exists for exploring the rehabilitation work performed on the site. A minimum group of 20 attendees is required for this potential program.

Stroud: The members continue to be interested in having a program at Stroud Water Research Center, noting that it has been several years since the Task Force hosted a program at the Center.

Adams County: Mr. Thaeler discussed the potential for an Adams County program in the Fall of 2017. Topic could be a presentation of the final Adams County Fruitbelt Impact Study and Model. The program could be coupled with a facility tour of a fruit processing / packing operation or similar venue.

Baltimore County: The members discussed the potential for organizing a tour of Sparrows Point (now Tradepoint Atlantic) facility to learn about the remediation and redevelopment of the former Bethlehem Steel facility at this site.

Harford County: The members discussed their potential interest for information tours of either the Vulcan Quarry site at Havre de Grace or the Aberdeen Proving Ground. Both sites would have logistical issues, particularly with security at Aberdeen.

The members were asked to provide short “write-ups” of these or other potential tours / programs for further consideration at the February 9, 2017 meeting.

III. Cecil County Presentation:

Mr. Black provided a presentation focusing on Prioritizing Stream Restoration Sites. This Cecil County activity addresses the findings of the county’s Watershed Implementation Plan and helps to implement the county’s Phase 2 MS4 Permit. Stream restoration is one of the activities Cecil County is performing to address the requirements of their MS4 Permit.

The County’s work is centered on using LIDAR data and the elevation model derived from the data to help identify potential restoration sites. Site identification is focused on areas that have experienced channel location change over the past 40 years. Areas of interest include

those areas characterized by zero to third order streams and a variety of land uses. Analysis outputs such as slope factors, culvert locations, and areas suffering from erosion are used to identify potential project area.

The County is continuing to refine this approach as it addresses various issues. These include software and hardware limitations, quality of state level datasets, and overall cost of the effort. However, over time, the tool and process under development should provide considerable utility regarding the implementation of the County's MS4 requirements.

IV. Adjournment:

With no further business, the Task Force meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.