

APPOQUINIMINK RIVER ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

April 17, 2008

The Annual Meeting of the Appoquinimink River Association was held on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Amos Hall, St. Andrews School, Middletown. Present at the meeting were Board members Dan O'Connell, Martha Corrozi, Donna Holmberg, Charlii Miller, Nancy Parker and Dave Raughley. Executive Director Sara Wozniak and Kate O'Brien, Program Manager, as well as several guests and members were also in attendance.

Dan welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Dan Lentz, K.B. Industries, manufacturer of Flexi™-Pave Permeable Pavement (FPPP). This environmentally-friendly paving product, made from recycled rubber, can be used for a variety of applications. It can be used to control stormwater runoff, slowing it down and diffusing it, on parking lots, cart paths on golf courses, jogging paths, nature trails and median strips. It can also be used under fences and guard rails to diffuse runoff and prevent erosion. It doesn't require maintenance—no weeds grow through it—and it absorbs sound. It is ADA compliant. K.B. Industries is headquartered in Florida, but there have been some applications in the Mid-Atlantic and New England states. FPPP does not pollute groundwater and can be used as gray water. More information is available at K.B.'s Web Site, www.KBIUS.com.

Our second speaker was Stephen Harris, RPM Ecosystems, a wholesale native plant nursery based in upstate New York. Martha, Nancy, Sara and Kate had attended a presentation by RPM at the Mid-Atlantic Conference of the American Water Resources Association last fall and felt the sale of trees cultivated by this organization might be a good fundraiser for ARA. These trees are grown from seeds from native trees collected from specific growing areas. The seeds are propagated in containers in a soil-less medium and grown by a root production method. The trees relocate very well. Fall is the best time to plant them. RPM has collected some Mid-Atlantic seeds—mostly tulip poplar and Atlantic white cedar—but would like to collect more. The benefits of these trees are that they have a good survival rate, they grow fast, and they have early nut, seed and fruit production. Trees can be picked up at RPM's nursery or can be shipped at a cost of \$1.50/mile. Forest Kelley, one of Steve's business partners, suggested ordering trees in May for late summer delivery.

At the end of Steve's presentation, two RPM trees were raffled off. They were won by Frank Whittington and Charlii Miller.

After the presentations, elections were held for the two vacant Board positions. The three candidates, Donna Holmberg, Betty Kramarck and Charlii Miller, introduced themselves, and written votes were collected and tallied. Sara announced that after a very close vote, Donna and Charlii were re-elected.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy W. Parker