

Apr 8, 2024 | 📅 EACMtg Minutes

Attendees: Phyllis Koster, Judy Bono, Audrey Russin, Bill Zeigler, Mike Shillott, Carolyn Fetrow

Notes

- The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Koster at 6:00pm
- There were no members of the public in attendance so no comments
- Old Business:
 1. Rain Garden work date has been postponed due to weather and the need to procure plants to replace some of the plants that have died over the years
 2. Strategic Plan: will be addressed at next meeting.
 3. KC Water quality monitoring: The EAC would like to contact Ted Evgeniadis or York County Master Watershed Stewards to try to get monitoring information from several new stations along Kreutz Creek. We feel this is important to gauge the quality of the water flowing through Hellam Township and Wrightsville where the creek flows into the river. The sites that we feel are needed are along Strickler School Rd, where the creek enters Wrightsville, and where it flows out of Wrightsville before the Susquehanna River.
 4. The recycling poster is ready and approved to be posted at Barshinger Field with the exception of a typo that Carolyn will fix. We also discussed printing more of them to be posted at various public places around the township. Kate N will print them for distribution. Judith will post it on the FB page and website.
 5. There was no report on the mowing and weed ordinance
 6. We had a discussion about land use in Hellam Twp. and how the township can protect land and still follow through on the existing ordinances.
- New business:
 1. Pollinator Garden: Phyllis tidied up the garden before Flinchbaugh's had their big Easter weekend. The pollinator festival will be held on June 15, 2024. Phyllis passed around the signup for weeding at the garden.
 2. Next newsletter article is due on 4/26/24. There was some discussion about the advertising in the newsletter and if it can be more local to our area instead of Red Lion (for example). Also discussed was using the poster on Recycling opportunities for the upcoming newsletter article from EAC. Carolyn will contact Corina.
 3. We've been asked for recommendations for Liberty Park on the edge of Wrightsville cemetery, but in Hellam Township. Phyllis will take a look at the park and suggest some possible trees.
 4. Judith Mueller brought to our attention the issue of Modern Landfill secretly dumping untreated water in the Susquehanna River near Harrisburg. Mike Shillott told us that Republic was the only bidder for the trash collecting contract. We will do business with them until the end of the contract and then, if they're the only bidder, we're stuck.

5. Judy Bono was asked to talk to Horn Farm about increasing our collaboration with them. They would love to have a township representative on their board. However, our meetings are the same night. We can do simpler things like advertising our activities and concerns in their publications or at events.
6. April 13 Tree planting will happen. We have trees, shrubs, volunteers, and hopefully good weather. It will start at 1:30pm at the intersection of Libhart Mill Rd and Owl Valley Rd, the home of Adrienne Johnson.
7. The SALDO checklist needs to be digitized. Corina said she has a digital copy and once it is in that format, revisions can be made and it will be available for use by the EAC. Mike Shillott is forming a committee to review this EAC SALDO checklist. Team members will include Mike Shillott, Nedette Otterbein, John Eifert, and Phyllis Koster

Action items

1. Carolyn will contact Cindy Pizziketti or Ted E. to get KC water information.
2. Judy and Carolyn will shop for perennials not to exceed \$100.00
3. Phyllis will check out Liberty Park to suggest trees.