

HELLAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 13, 2024

6:00 PM

Hellam Township Building

Members Present: Carolyn Fetrow, Phyllis Koster, Judith Mueller, Bill Zeigler, Audrey Russin (Advisor to EAC).

BOS Rep: None

Guests: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Rain garden work continues. Sprayed by mistake by Tomlinson Bomberger, who is contracted by the Rec department. Carolyn and Judy obtained plants and Carolyn and Phyllis have begun to plant, spending \$55 of the \$100 we have to work with for new plantings. Need to locate rain barrel. Carolyn is waiting for a reply. Phyllis will ask Curt to deliver that and mulch at the same time. Carolyn has ordered “no spray” signs.
- KC Water Quality Monitoring: Station on Bairs Mill Road. PFAS have come down substantially. (Republic is dumping what they’ve filtered from effluent up river, however.)
- Mowing and weed ordinances: topic postponed until next month.
- Need to revisit open burn ordinance, which Bill Sprenkle has investigated for EAC and will attend EAC July meeting to update us. Problem with plastics burning in Twp.
- Strategic Plan: Judith will continue to maintain. Update member list and keep list of past membership as well.

New Business:

- Pollinator celebration, June 15:
 - Scavenger hunt question: Birds eat insects, but what do insects eat?
 - May not have bee observation hive. All other attractions lined up.
 - Flinchbaugh’s providing same space.
 - Need to schedule seed packing.
- National Night Out:
 - Perhaps give away a rain barrel then? Ask BOS? Could paint the barrel there. Perhaps woman from Virtue will facilitate painting help. Phyllis will ask Corina about raffle and painting at NNO.
- Liberty Park: Phyllis met with Corina and Kate. Lovely site. We’re last in line for funding after playground and benches. Would like shade trees and screening, perhaps evergreens.
- Saldo checklist: 8AM on Friday, May 17, Phyllis will meet with Twp reps to review and revise checklist for EAC’s SALDO reviews.
- April 13th tree planting organized by Carolyn: 100 trees, 9 volunteers. Adrienne Johnson’s property Owl Valley and Libhart Mill.

Action items before next meeting:

- Phyllis will contact Corina about the location of the rain barrel.
- Judith will update Strategic Plan
- Carolyn will remind Twp to post April minutes.