

HELLAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

June 10, 2024

6:00 PM

Hellam Township Building

Members Present: Judo Bono, Carolyn Fetrow, Ed Hamme, Phyllis Koster, Judith Mueller, Bill Zeigler.

BOS Rep: None

Guests: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Rain Garden: Has been partially planted. Will set up a weeding schedule once weeds emerge. Need to keep watering, especially with coming heat. Carolyn has volunteered to water as needed.
- Strategic Plan: Ongoing updating.
- KC Water Quality Monitoring—Phyllis will ask BOS if there's more info they would like beyond the good news of improvement.

New Business:

- Mowing and weed ordinances: Judy reports the current ordinance is out of date, having been written in 1997. New trend in the country of creating ordinances that encourage more natural land-care that fosters biodiversity. Many model ordinances from other municipalities and from the National Wildlife Federation (available online) Twp could draw on to update its mowing and weed ordinances. Will need to bring proposed ordinance the Planning Commission. We'll take this up at the July meeting.
- Pollinator Celebration schedule: Carolyn & Phyllis 10:00-12:30, Judy & Judith 12:30-3:. Setup on Friday evening at 5:30. Question for the scavenger hunt: Birds eat insects; what do insects eat?
- Saldo checklist info and webinar info: Carolyn and Phyllis met with Nedette and Mike S. to discuss updated SALDO checklist for EAC to use when reviewing SALDO cases. This will be ongoing.
- Rain barrel painting for raffle at NNO, August 6 at 6:00. Virtue cannot attend, but Judy assures us we can do it ourselves. She has paints. Phyllis will provide brushes.
- Library tree event, tentatively October 12, 10:30AM. Bill Sprenkle will be there. Library needs to get BOS approval to plant tree on its property. We need to plan a craft for the children. Judy will develop a craft idea for the event. DCNR has a small tree ID book that would be great for giveaway. Carolyn will check with YCCD to see if they have contacts with DCNR. If not, the Twp may be able to help.
- Bill Sprenkle will attend EAC's July meeting to discuss burn ordinance with EAC.
- Change meeting time to 5:00? All members would prefer that. Phyllis will ask at BOS meeting.

Open Discussion: Phyllis reports that there was an excellent presentation at last BOS meeting by Land Studies about stormwater management in the Twp.. Can access presentation via Hellam Twp Facebook page. Perhaps the Twp could post on Engage under stormwater tab as well.

Action items before next meeting:

- Phyllis will make a poster advertising the rain barrel painting and raffle at NNO.
- Carolyn will continue to monitor and water rain garden.
- Phyllis will ask BOS if they want further info on Kreutz Creek water quality