

## HELLAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 8, 2025

5:00 PM

Hellam Township Building

**Members Present:** Marie Arcuri, Carolyn Fetrow, Scott Hursh, Adrienne Johnson, Phyllis Koster, Judith Mueller, Bill Zeigler, Audrey Russin (Advisor to EAC), Keith Lotier (Associate Member).

**BOS Rep:** Mike Shillott

**Guest:** Kate Nopulos

### **New Business:**

- Open Burn Ordinance Revision: Phyllis, Judith and Scott presented proposed changes to Open Burn Ordinance for member input. The three will refine their work and combine all changes into one document for the November meeting. Subcommittee will also draft a cover letter to present proposed revisions to the Planning Commission.
- Tree event—Sept. 20. at library. EAC members have volunteered to staff various aspects of event.
- Graham Preserve meadow: any member in helping should contact Lancaster Conservancy.
- Keith Williams—Phyllis will invite him to an upcoming EAC meeting.
- Adrienne's ideas for community involvement:
  - ⇒ Community Action calendar: events that would enable community members to be involved in activities that would be both educational and helpful.
    - Invasive species removal.
    - Seeding of roadside berms.
  - ⇒ Hellam Heroes recognition:
    - Property certification for landowners who engage in practices in line with our goals. Phyllis observes that we need not invent something new. We can encourage—and, in some cases, have been encouraging—residents to seek Homegrown National Parks or National Wildlife Federation wildlife habitat certification.

### **Questions for Kate:**

- Carolyn: We need a new banner. Good time to do this once our new logo is approved. Needs to be eye catching. The words Hellam Township Environmental Advisory Council with the two logos, Township & EAC, one on each side. At least 5 feet wide. White banner with colored lettering and logo. Would be good to get it by the time of the 9/20 Tree Event. Need to email the BOS for approval.
- Phyllis confirms we have something for the newsletter on pollinators, but we'll save that for the spring and Adrienne will write something about leaving the leaves.
- EAC approved the new Logo, which Phyllis will send to Corinna to be emailed to the BOS for their approval before the September 18th meeting. agenda.
- Kate: recommends inviting White Clover to a winter meeting to learn strategies for EAC promotion on social media. Maybe the EAC could do an event there. Kids craft, perhaps, something for families. (Carolyn whispers: composting.)
- Adrienne requests a map to mark environmentally significant locations in the Township for display in the library.

**Old Business:**

- Lees Lane woody debris situation: Carolyn updated EAC. She got YCCD involved, and the property owner is going to go for the grant. Next step, need contractors to give an estimate. One option is to have Township do that work and then the grant money would go to the Township. A terrible mess of woody debris, YCCD says it might be the worst. Grant will deal only with the woody debris, not the concrete. Chris Tanczos would like to see bridge removed.

**Action Items:**

- *Adrienne will write a brief and beautiful piece for the Newsletter on Leaving the Leaves.*
- *Phyllis, Scott and Judith will integrate work on Ordinance for presentation at November meeting.*
- *Phyllis will contact Keith Williams to invite him to a future meeting.*
- *Phyllis is contacting Corina to get BOS approval for the new banner, and Kate is moving ahead with quotes and ordering once the logo is approved.*