

HELLAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 9, 2025

5:00 PM

Hellam Township Building

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

BOS Rep: Mike Shillott

New Business:

- We look forward to Nate Reidy's attendance at a future meeting to discuss publicizing events to promote EAC activities. He was unable to attend this month.
- News from BOS meeting:
 - Lees Lane warehouse was approved with 10 conditions, including riparian buffers. Mike advises that EAC needs to stay involved in land development stage for input on everything from lighting to plantings and stormwater management.
 - BOS approved letter of support for Lancaster Conservancy's acquisition of additional 31 acres adjacent to the Kinsley preserve, which will take property down to the river.
- Pollinator Promotion: Flinchbaughs's education person, Kristen, met with Judith and Carolyn to plan EAC participation in their summer agriculture and nature program for children and their families. On June 24, Phyllis Koster will join Carolyn to teach about planting for pollinators, making use of the EAC's demonstration pollinator garden. This activity will replace the Pollinator Festival this year and likely into the future, since Flinchbaughs will probably no longer host its Touch a Tractor event. The June 24 classes could reach a larger and more receptive audience.
- Carolyn is talking with Alexis at the Horn Farm about another pollinator event there, maybe during the May plant sale.

Old Business:

- February native plant event at Stauffers of Kissel Hill was successful if a bit sparsely attended. Distributed coneflower seeded pots and literature for attendees about what to plant to benefit pollinators. Returning in April, tentatively. Landscape design person, Wade Smith, is eager to disseminate native plant garden plans to customers.
- Meeting with Planning Commission and fire chiefs to iron out open burn ordinance revision on April 9 at 6PM.

- Strategic Plan update: Scott will run it through AI to get ideas for more user-friendly organization and greater ease of use and revision

Action Items:

- *Carolyn will send Judith recycling and disposal poster.*
- *Judith: will solicit input about poster with info about recycling and waste disposal in our area.*
- *Scott will run the Strategic Plan through.*