

## HELLAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 10, 2023

6:00 PM

Hellam Township Building

**Members Present:** Carolyn Fetrow, Ed Hamme, Phyllis Koster, Judith Mueller, Audrey Russin, (Advisor to EAC). **Guests:** Judy Bono

**EAC leadership:** Carolyn Fetrow and Phyllis Koster will serve as co-chairs, Judith Mueller as Secretary.

EAC members reaffirm hope to keep meetings to an hour.

Judy Bono has applied to join EAC, and we heartily wish to welcome her. Judith will check in with Bill Zeigler and Tom Knaub to see if they still plan to participate.

### **Tree Planting Report (Carolyn):**

- March 30<sup>th</sup>: 35 trees on Old Orchard Road on Steve Ott's property. 9 volunteers made for short work. Troop 20312, HT Girl Scouts, working for awards and will continue to volunteer with us. These events provide education as well as planting.
- April 1 125 Trees Gavin Kline's property Ore Bank, 18 volunteers. Again, good number of volunteers made short work.
- Next plantings likely in spring, though if we get more trees, we might be able to in fall., depends on tree availability from Chesapeake Bay Foundation.
- Let people know the trees and planting are free. Once trees are planted, property owners responsible to tend them. Invasive removal also responsibility of property owner.
- Judy: 3 people in Owl Valley are interested.

**Pollinator Garden at Flinchbaughs (Phyllis):** looks great, though needs thinning. Signup sheet for weeding circulated.

**Rain Garden at Barshinger Field (Carolyn):** Mulch isn't there yet. Once it arrives, a weeding party. Perhaps, if possible, call it a pollinator garden, or at least plant more dry-loving plants. Judy will help with assessing the situation.

### **Pollinator celebration, June 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00-3:00—elements of event:**

- Seeds and envelopes have arrived. Need to schedule time to divide seeds into envelopes. Provide instructions on label—Judith will ask Corina.
- Observation bee hive.
- Deb Carmen—butterfly lady
- Kathleen Griffith from PSMG to talk about native plants.
- EAC's part in Flinchbaughs's scavenger hunt: kids must obtain flower sticker from us.
- We need 3 tables. Carolyn can get them with truck.
- Judy suggests we think about the Pollinator Pathway program with certification. Master Gardeners also have certification for pollinator garden. We need to choose one program to promote in twp. Will decide at May meeting

### **Strategic Plan:**

Need to update, perhaps reformat spacing for readability, and make headings consistent throughout. Judith will clean up and add a few recent items.

Phyllis, noticing entry in Strategic Plan, will ask about the status of our open burn article.

**EAC representation at BOS meetings:** Phyllis volunteers to attend 2<sup>nd</sup> BOS meeting of month to report on EAC's work.