

HELLAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 10, 2023

6:00 PM

Hellam Township Building

Members Present: Judy Bono, Carolyn Fetrow, Phyllis Koster, Judith Mueller.

Guests: Corina Mann, Nedette Otterbein, Devin Winand

Public comments: Nedette informs us of desire to reestablish previous practice of consulting EAC when Twp gets SALDO plans. This is part of EAC's mission so it should resume.

- EAC would review areas of SALDO are relevant to our charge. (Landscape ordinance, erosion control, native plants, TDR, restricted development, etc.) Corina and Nedette will modify/update SALDO checklist.
- Our role: to raise questions, not necessarily pass judgment, with Twp ordinances to guide us, *available online*.
- Timing: An EAC member could come to inhouse meeting with planner, applicant, engineer and YCPC. Second Tuesday of the month. If EAC misses PC meeting, can still make recommendations for BOS. (Cases in progress: Susquehanna Heritage and Blessing cases, might be something for EAC to review.)
- Need to maintain an index of all our open space and environmentally sensitive areas.
- To examine properties, site visits and Google maps. To go on property, EAC would need to work with zoning officer and inform property owner.

Devin: Want to establish sense of place with creation of outdoor spaces, conservancy lands, state park, and Mifflin House. Campground at state park early in the works

Pollinator Celebration: Great success, 150-180 people, all ages, visited our tables.

Need to send thank-you to Bill. Gift certificates to Penn State folks who contributed.

Phyllis recommends EAC members seek National Wildlife Federation certification for their properties if appropriate, since we recommend this for the public.

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 1. Need 2 tables, one for Cindy P and one for the rest of us. Ask for Twp tent.

Carolyn recommends Savvy Citizen—for news about Twp goings on, alerts, etc., including NNO

Rain Garden: weeded and mulched—thanks Judy and Carolyn.

Rain barrel Phyllis will contact Curt to drop off Rain Barrel at Barshinger so we can have a look and see if we want to paint it. Also need to see it's functionality.

August 19, rain barrel painting at Virtue Local Art Market. Pollinator day.

Strategic Plan: Judith will continue to update.

Open discussion:

- Phyllis will send Kate pictures of pollinator garden to post online.
- Judith will get the rag weed by Joe Pye weed and other weeds.
- Pawpaw festival at Horn Farm. Free. September 23-24. EAC will not participate.
- Need an EAC pamphlet about our work.