

HELLAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 1, 2023

6:00 PM

Hellam Township Building

Members Present: Judy Bono, Carolyn Fetrow, Phyllis Koster, Kate Nopulos, Judith Mueller, Ed Hamm, Bill Zeigler, Audrey Russin (advisor to EAC)

Guests: Jan Henderen.

Public comment: None

FYI: Township will send a test emergency alert text on Wednesday at 2:20 to residents.

Rain Garden:

- No more spraying—Jessica Cerillo from rec department confirms. Need, however, to keep weeds down to maintain this.
- No need to weed until next spring. Will do additional plantings in the spring as well.
- Another rain barrel would help with overflow hose to drain into garden.
- Existing, painted rain barrel has structural feature that prevents it from filling. Ed volunteers to fix it, create a plug to stop that flow.

Tree Planting:

- Planting this fall isn't happening because property owner fell ill.
- Owl Valley resident Ann Kostas will plant numerous flowering dogwoods.
- Carolyn has trees, which Phyllis reports the Lancaster Conservancy can use.
- Ed suggests contacting Cool Creek Golf course, which has creek running through, with flooding and erosion problems.

Strategic Plan: Judith will update monthly, based off of meeting minutes.

DEP Public Hearing—Wednesday, October 4, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Lower Windsor Township Community Center's Gymnasium located at 2425 Craley Road, Wrightsville, PA.

New Business:

Trees from Seed—Facebook initiative to gather seeds from native hardwoods to disperse in hospitable places. EAC will publicize on social media.

Environmental Resource Inventory: Created by EAC under June Evans's leadership. Includes site design review—which will resume with Twp sending plans to EAC for review.

Meeting times: maintain August off. Next year, meet first Monday in October and November.

Susquehanna Riverlands State Park, October 24 meeting for stakeholders at Columbia Crossing—ask Corina if interested. Carolyn will enquire and report back.

Newsletter: is forthcoming, and Kate wants to know which piece we'd like published in the December issue—recycling opportunities. EAC needs a blurb about its work as well. Due Oct. 20.