

Date: 4/26/2023

Attendees:

- Scott Pim
- Liz Wilson
- Ben Bade
- Jeff Leombruno
- John Scully

Absent:

- Gabe Porter
- Joe Trombly
- Dan McCombs

#### **Pollinators Pathways**

- Pollinators Pathways Barbara Willis
  - o They are running a "Stepping Stones" project and offering seeds to people who are willing to tear up a patch of their lawn and plant pollinator plants. Barbara was here to share some information, and put out to the public that they would like more people to apply before Friday, as they have 3 more seed kits available.

### **Forestry Committee**

- Jerry Langdon joined us to clarify some items from our last meeting.
  - The Forestry Committee is an advisory committee.
  - Jerry wanted to mention a program from American Tree Farm about storing carbon.
    - He said this is a program where you get paid for NOT harvesting your property for 20 years.
  - Jerry thinks Fox Run and Lowe Park would be ideal properties for this program.
  - Jerry will do some investigating into these programs.
  - Jerry also recommended "Sweeny Number Two" as a possible property to consider this for.

- This property is out behind St. Joes cemetery near the rail trail, no road access, just rail trail access.
- Liz asked if there were any action items to take? Jerry said not at this point, he just wanted to give us a heads up on what he was thinking of as a possibility for certain properties.

# PROPERTIES

- Miriam Jackson
  - Barbara also gave an update on Miriam Jackson park and the pollinator garden, and explained that they are looking for more "soggy log" donations, and also looking for loam donations, as they need 7 yards of loam. Plants have been ordered but there is not a date for planting them yet.
- Tilton Park
  - o There was mention that some of the chains on the bridges might have been removed. Tabled until next meeting when Dan is available to provide more context.

### ADMIN

- Application Submittal Process Liz
  - o Liz would like to ensure we have instructions on our website explaining how to submit applications, to ensure they aren't going directly to Sandy.
  - o Liz will also talk to Dan about options for forwarding mail from our gmail address.
  - o Scott mentioned we should ensure that the physical mail is being checked.
- Town Cleanup 4/28 4/30
  - o Liz questioned if we'd like to do a group cleanup this weekend as part of the town cleanup.
  - o Ben suggested 2pm Sunday, we can meet at Mast Rd.
- Budget update Dan

- o Dan wasn't at the meeting to provide an update.
- Outreach
  - o John emailed the local boy scout troop to start a conversation around what criteria they might be looking for when looking for projects, but hasn't received a response yet.
  - o Liz emailed the school, and the school is currently too busy with White Pine to do another event with ECC, so we'll connect again next year.
- Photo Contest
  - o Liz raised a question about having a longer submittal period.
  - o Jeff mentioned attempting to find a service to run the photo contest.

## **FUTURE**

- Property Monitoring
  - o What is our responsibility as an org tabled until next meeting.

### ADJOURN

• Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.