

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE Meeting Notes

DATE: Monday, August 26, 2013 at 7:00 – 8:30 PM

WHERE: Amberley Village Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road, Community Room (Lower Level)

SUBJECT: Rain Garden Tour and Brief Meeting

ATTENDING: Merrie Stillpass, Leslie McIntosh, Kathy Kraemer, Pete Duffy, Tom Muething, Natalie Wolf, Jennifer Eismeier, Michael Hall

DISCUSSION:

1. Rain Garden
 - a. Jenn Eismeier, Executive Director of the Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities led a tour discussing the attributes of the Amberley rain garden. It drains a large area and helps reduce amount and slow the flow of rainwater into Amberley Creek then into the Mill Creek. See for more information <http://millcreekwatershed.org>
 - b. Recommended mowing annually in the fall
 - c. ESC program idea - A creek walk in winter or early spring
2. Tree discussion
 - a. Discussed nominating Heritage Tree(s) at Amberley Green
 - b. “adopt” an area concept – Stewardship of areas of significance. Create documentation on areas, qualities/attributes and educate others on value and stewardship
3. ReLeaf Tree program
 - a. Working with City and Natorp’s. We hope to be able to “add on” to City’s order while laying the groundwork for our own Amberley program next year.
 - b. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.
4. Fall Program
 - a. Last year the nature hike at Amberley Green was a huge success. Opportunity to participate during the Green Umbrella’s Great Outdoor Weekend September 28 and 29 with outdoor family activity
 - b. Discussed scavenger hunt and tree identification activity for families and all ages
 - c. Details to be finalized and promoted through Village
5. Ridge & Section corners
 - a. Discussed installation of new traffic signals and crosswalk lights
 - i. Effect on garden area, ambiance and place making in regard to AV image/appeal
 - ii. This area needs to be focused on to ensure that it is an attractive site and the ESC should be involved in the discussions. (Post meeting note- This point was made to Wes Brown and he recognizes that this area needs work.)
6. Next Meeting: September 23