

ESC Meeting Notes**July 28, 2014**

7:00 – 8 PM

Amberley Village Community Room

Attending: Merrie Stillpass, Pete Duffy, Kathie Kraemer, Roger Toennis, Tom Muething, Colin Driscoll

1. Welcome
 - a. Meeting notes accepted from June meeting
2. Ice Cream Social 8/24
 - a. Merrie will draft up table top and promotional materials to include Adopt Tree/Grove Program, Tree vouchers, other tree program info, Damn Tour, Pest & Tree literature, planting info, etc.
 - 1) Organize as much as possible into notebook and consolidate handout info
 - b. Green Umbrella rep will be present. Will work with them and Taking Root on best way to register trees already planted
 - c. Sign up for table volunteers will be sent out 1st week of August for ½-hour shifts
 - d. Ask Natorp's if they will loan us a tree for display at ICS.
3. Best Dam Tour 9/11 (Rain date 9/15)
 - a. Date still seems good since the project has not started yet. Prepare announcement flyer by 8/24
4. Taking Root Campaign Commitment
 - a. Merrie followed up with Daniel Kloepfer, Taking Root Campaign Coordinator re request for AV to complete Partnership application as an effort to solidify their strategic plan
 - b. ESC and AV should continue doing what we are doing to support their mission
 - c. Merrie will serve as the contact person and sign the form. This does not commit ESC or AV to anything more than what we are currently doing.
5. Adopt Tree/Grove Program Update
 - a. Roger will contact the person who expressed interest.
 - b. Information on program will be available for 8/24
6. Village Tree Nursery Concept
 - a. Wes prepared an analysis of several possible sites that group vetted.
 - b. Want this initiative to be led by ESC and to be educational
 - c. Area with most interested was former sandy play area adjacent to kids pool at AG.
 - 1) Need to look at additional need for fencing
 - 2) Investigate water source, such as use of smaller tank and pump pool water into it?
 - d. Group will go and review site and discuss at Aug. meeting
7. Winter Speaker possibly on the topic of wildlife in the neighborhood and backyard is a possibility
8. OSD 2015 – need to talk with recyclers to discuss possible spring dates.
 - a. Other collection possibilities: small toiletries, used books, items for oversea troops
 - b. Look for person/organization to spearhead this effort
9. New Business
 - a. Discussion of several articles in Summer 2014 newsletter from Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District <http://www.hcswcd.org/uploads/1/5/4/8/15484824/newsletter-summer14-web.pdf> re:
 - a. Watershed contest winners from MND for a rain garden project
 - b. Erosion and sediment control at construction sites
 - c. HCSWCD Tree program
10. Next Meeting Date: 7 PM on August 25, 2014