HCC Meeting Minutes April 15, 2021

Attendees: Anne Learn-Sharpe, Angelica Tang, Paula Hughes, Shannon Stevens, Judith Hunter, Regrets: Susan Antler Staff: Elizabeth Davis, Aimee Powell

Introduction of new member – Judith Hunter

Summary and comments of the webinar

-A lot of positive feedback from the webinar
-Many thanks to Shannon for her participation, preparation and delivery of the webinar
-137 streams from YouTube on the Township's website to date

LeClair Park Eco Plant Project Status

-Plants to be delivered on May 25th for the garden
-Look into logs (10 inches in diameter) as edging to deter from vandalizing garden and to deter weeds. Aimee will enquire if the Township has any available
-NVCA may have logs but they may come at a cost
-Require soil/mulch can be brought right to the site, gates will be open for access
-Last week of May would be ideal to have soil/mulch dropped off and have volunteers (2 – 4 people) put down the cardboard and the soil

-Require someone to be there to split load on two locations for the two separate gardens

-Payment for soil will be invoiced to Township, which is best to settle in advance

-Committee to provide a list of supplies to Aimee to order for the plant

-NVCA to donate a box of staples to hold vapour barrier down in garden

-The garden will need at least an inch a week of rain, anything less then that you will need to water the plants

-Rain barrel could be an option to fill up from a contractor. We can see what the BIA contracts watering for, enquire about a scoped contract for the committee

Select Date for Phase 1 of Garden

- Friday June 4^{th} – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

-Contingency date (thunderstorm rain date)– June 7^{th} – 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

-We will have to be in the Red Zone or better, in accordance with Provincial Regulations for the event to take place

-NVCA may have tree planters available to help

-May 28th for soil drop off

-Mid September is the next option for planning if we are not able to plant in June

-Plant day will abide by all Provincial rules in accordance with COVID 19 safety measures

-The seeding window for the pollinator strips will be in the Fall

Future Project Planning

-Look into projects with the potential to attract birds
-Designing habitat features for the EcoPark
-Bat boxes to be located at LeClair Park – Shannon can provide plans for the construction
-Walking Challenge on Strava – how other people engage in physical activity, create a sense of community increase physical health. HCC could promote this initiative to keep up with branding and messaging of healthy community

-Create an email chain of initiatives we can work on in the future

Next Meeting May 20th, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm