

PPLC Meeting Notes 1/29/24

Present in person: Peter Danforth, Melissa Rose, Melissa Jordan, Leah Bronner, Stephanie Zuccarella

Present by zoom: Julie Chauvin, Martha Battle,

Reviewed notes from last meeting.

Discussed ongoing and upcoming projects:

Melissa Jordan began the meeting by asking new attendees what they were hoping to get from the meeting.

Peter: LCCD can be a fiscal agent for PPLC. Will finalize this with the board in February. It helps LCCD to build relationships with conservation groups in the area. It also keeps them informed about what is happening in the county in regards to conservation action.

Would like to turn a field at the nature center into a nursery for trees. There is a shortage of trees for planting.

There is a new list of trees coming out to plant for the rapidly changing climate. There will be a workshop on agroforestry to help mitigate flooding.

NRCS has resources to help farmers plant fields for pollinators. Sean Pease is the point person.

Martha: Blueberry bush planting on RK Miles property along the rail trail and near the Morrisville kiosk. The plants were from Elmore Roots. This was supported from a grant from Morrisville Water and Light Dept. They have money to support projects like this available through their website.

Stephanie: 5th graders have created games and have data about pollinators that they would like to share with the public. 7th graders have been documenting bee species in the area and would like to share their information. Both grades have been researching pollinators and plantings. Stephanie will check with the library about hosting a pollinator education night.

Stephanie and Julie will work with the Morristown library to make the seed bank more accessible for the public.

Leah: With Denise Greene hosting a how to plant a native pollinator in a pot gathering. Sometime in the spring.

Melissa Rose: Collecting tarps to place in the yard in preparation for planting pollinators. She wants to document the work and process of turning a lawn into a pollinator garden.

Melissa Jordan: Gathering input for gardens to have as part of a garden tour. Asked for volunteers to bring speakers to our meetings. Both of these are in the hopes of getting people interested in planting pollinator gardens. Xerces is coming to speak at a meeting soon.

Next meeting Feb. 26. 5:30-6:30

Meeting adjourned: 6:30