

STEPS IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (IPE) WORKGROUP MEETING LOG
Agenda Items, Decisions, and Action Required

Meeting Date: 6/25/18 - 6:30 – 7:40 pm. STEPS Office, IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT WORKGROUP

Attendees: Karel Titus, Phyllis Motill, Laura Rowley, Tony Del Plato, Harold Bush, Theresa Lahr

Time	Discussion Item	Person Responsible	Decisions Required	Decisions Made	Actions Required	Person Responsible Date to be completed
6:30 pm	Introductions	Karel Titus workgroup leader & facilitator	None	Welcome new member Laura Rowley and all	None	
6:35 pm	Water quality Possible Grants: status Working with Community Science Institute (CSI)	Tony DelPlato and water quality group		Water group corresponds regularly since last IPE meeting about grant opportunities & plans for biological monitoring of large watershed areas (two candidate streams: Mill & Sheldrake Creeks) Tony reports helpful and informative phone conversations with grant administrators from the GRHF Sharon Legette- Sobers for the Opportunity Grant(OG), and Diane Larter re the Community Health Grant(CHG). Because we are not a formal group that has been working on water quality for a significant time, and the size of the grant being out of our league, we are eliminated from OG consideration. The CHG is not likely an appropriate funding source either.	Community Science Institute is prepared to work with us with or without a grant though we'll need to determine what they can and can't do. Tony met with Boy Scout Troop leader, Joe Borst recently to discuss having members of his troop "The Seneca Water Ways Council," participate in water monitoring in the STEPS neighborhood. Joe was enthusiastic and plans for Troop 78 and Venture Crew need to be confirmed.	Theresa shared poster of the 7/17 follow-up workshop of the sustainability forum, which includes the field trip to Sheldrake Creek. Will send promotional materials to STEPS website, FB and e- news for posting .Chris K Peterson issued a press release announcing workshops to local media. Tony to confirm the Venture Crew (co-ed 14- 21 yr. olds) and Boy Scout (11-18 yr. old) participation in water monitoring filed trip 7/17 with Joe Borst. All- continue efforts and engage community support in water quality activities and discussions in the STEPS neighborhood Tony to ask Paul Batman about other possible funding sources to support the effort.

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7:00 pm	<p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautification • Promote Health Environments • Increase access to green space community garden and waterfront 	Karel Titus		<p>Community Art group met in April and May. Second mural and garden title panel are ready to be hung at Ovid Community Garden</p> <p>Lodi-Mosaic mural is on display I.O.O.F window. Mural Frame is constructed. Israel Stolfus is too busy to hang prior to July celebration.</p> <p>Christy Wilcox preparing to paint mural on 2 over head doors, Main St., Lodi- (next to Post Office) Karel shared rendering.</p> <p>Interlaken community garden- 4 raised beds and lasagna garden looks great – located on Railroad Ave- behind Farmers Museum</p> <p>Karel talked about the 9 straw bale gardens at Lodi Presbyterian church- site of the Lodi Pantry and pantry expansion project</p>	<p>Photo shared-mural depicts twilight/moonlight glow effect. Beautiful piece of community art Created by art club at South Seneca High</p> <p>Per a GRHF Community Health Grant, the group is adding a storage shed with refrigeration to expand the pantry services.</p>	<p>Theresa : ask Maggie Passmore to coordination with Dave Ferguson to hang panels this summer.</p> <p>Jim Mielty looking for another contractor to hang the four panels by 7/7</p>

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7:15 pm	STEPS Events	Karel	None	<p>Sustainability Workshops: Chris K- Peterson sent out a press release announcing follow up sustainability workshops.</p> <p>7/17 at Lodi library: 4-5pm Native Plants for Birds; Audubon Center Presents</p> <p>7/17- 5:30-7pm Yard Map Tool; Cornell Ornithology Lab Presents</p> <p>7/17-6-8pm Bio-monitoring : Sheldrake Creek Meet up at Sheldrake Winery</p> <p>Lodi July 4th Celebration-7/7/18 Garden activities (see open Forum), parade at noon.</p>	<p>Spread the word! Call the STEPS office to sign up 607.403.0069</p>	<p>Workshop posters handed out for 7/17 workshops.</p> <p>Save date: 8/1 6-7:30 pm Finger Lakes Institute – STEPS Water Quality Workshop -Seneca Community Church, Rte. 96 Romulus.</p>
7:20 pm	STEPS updates	Theresa Lahr	None	<p>Sue Peterson and Marylois to submit a RHPP to train 4 Master Preservers. “Parent and Child Together” RHPP awarded last summer will gather again this year at Lodi Point- Wednesdays 10:30 am - Noon July 11th-August 29th, Child directed play with strong literacy focus this year.</p>		<p>Lodi play group contact Ashley Albro ash2054@gmail.com</p>

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				South Seneca Class '75 donated \$ 84.00 for healthy snacks and water toys for Lodi project and \$ 100.00 donation made to Lodi Community Garden for July "Plant In" event.		
7:25-7:40 pm	Open Forum	Phyllis Motill	None	Phyllis: Three Bears: Teddy Bear Picnic at Ovid village park on July 21 The Grape Hound (Greyhound) Wine Tour starts 7/26 and runs through the weekend (last weekend of July) both events in village park while refurbishment of sidewalks and placement of slabs/patio in front of Papa Bear courthouse is under construction. When is work starting and when will tables be placed in the park?	Stay tuned for event details per STEPS social media and other local outlets Grape-hound event hosted by the Ovid Firehouse Distillery.	Theresa to check on re timeline/status on the completion work in front of the Bears, to be discussed at the county Public Works Cmte. Mtg. tomorrow evening.
		Laura Rowley	Lodi Community Garden plans include fencing in six raised beds Six raised garden beds & soil need work –possible soil testing in order to produce healthy vegetables and flowers	Possible fence donation for Lodi Garden from Doreen Burns? Contact CCE Master Gardener for guidance	Laura created a poster for 7/7 garden activity handed out – Theresa to send to Shopper and pass along to Kristin and Lynne for STEPS social media posting	Theresa to ask Shelley Pletcher for garden soil advice/consult and Marylois about fencing donation per Doreen Burns. Contact Laura lurakayrowley@gmail.com Re July 7 th "Plant In"

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7:41pm	Next workgroup	Karel	<p>Continue sub – committee work and planning in July.</p> <p>Due to several activities taking place next month. Meet 4th Monday August- same time & place</p>		Next Mtg : August 27, 6:30 pm at STEPS office	Theresa to send out IPE meeting notice & agenda.
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