HEALTHY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE October 21, 2021

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

Summary on October 14th, 2021 LeClair Park Planting Session

- Planting was a success. Shannon drilled holes before to plant 250 trees (included hazel nut, service berry)
- 50 pounds of seed were also planted on the two large plots that had been cleared
- There were 8 volunteers to help with the plant

2021 Current Budget

- Remaining funds from Parks and Recreation to be allocated by the end of 2021 for LeClair Park
- Would like to use the remaining RBC funds for signage at the Pollinator Garden
- The installation of bike racks was suggested, the HCC can use the same vendor that the Friends of Utopia is using
- Signage quote is \$65 \$105 per sq.ft, therefore \$1500 should be allocated towards signage
- Would also like smaller signs for descriptions of each flower in the Pollinator Garden
- Work together with Parks and Recreation for benches or picnic tables

2022 Proposed Budget

- 2022 funds, if allocated, can be spent on initiatives Township-wide
- <u>Estimating that</u> another Pollinator Garden initiative would cost \$5000 the priority should be to create a Pollinator Garden at the Administrative Centre which can include signage, and bird and bat houses. Budget will also include soil, mulch, plant species, and polls for garden build
- Request to allocate \$2,000 for a public event for outreach on mental and physical health and social togetherness

Next Steps

- Connect over next two weeks on how the remaining funds will be spent in 2021
- Quotes for signage
- Next meeting November 4th, 2021

End of meeting 6:30 pm