

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2014**

A Public Meeting was held on the above date at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 P.M. Committee members in attendance: Kreg Ulery, Glenn Miller, Jane Benning, Sandra Thomas, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Task Force member: Robert Agonis. Committee members not present: Mary Ann Stinner, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, BOC liaison; Joseph Hebelka Planning Commission Representative, and Randy Soriano, Township Manager (excused).

Mr. Ulery called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Ulery announced that all sessions of the Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council regular meetings are electronically recorded as required by the By-laws and for the purpose of taking the Minutes.

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Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Thomas to approve the January 15, 2014 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted. All in favor.

Report of officers and committees (including BOC, PC, Manager and /or Planning/Zoning:

Ms. Sopka highlighted the Zoning, Planning and Board of Commissioners Meetings for the month.

Old Business

Guidance on the creation of educational flyers regarding street tree project was discussed. They will remain as old business until all information and planning is completed for the Earth Fair Celebration.

New Business

Mr. Ulery stated that he attended the Bird Town Summit Audubon on January 18, 2014, and the Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition (LVBTC) on January 22, 2014. The Lehigh Valley Coalition represents four bird towns in the local area. They consist of Salisbury, Lower Macungie, Allentown and Bethlehem. The Bird Town Summit campaign focus is to encourage individuals to participate in sensitive areas, e.g., riparian buffers, watershed areas, and to build large contiguous areas for bird town habitat.

The LVBTC has a workshop scheduled for May 3, 2014 for rare native plant design. This will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley in Bethlehem.

The members discussed their request for wall space in the lobby area at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building for the EAC and Bird Town display. The wall display would include a Bird Town designation plaque and Audubon information and pamphlets.

EAC projects and grants (WREN grant) were discussed. The EAC is still interested in partnering with the Salisbury Township School District. The project is for Trout Creek's riparian buffer restoration. The EAC will create a proposal for individuals involved, the project area, etc. Ms. Sopka recommended a study of Trout Creek remediation once the Laubach Master Site Plan is in place.

The EAC also discussed Backyard Habitat Design, Green Corridor Stewardship Program of Audubon Bird Towns, Habitat Design projects for Salisbury Township Parks and also the retrofit of existing storm water management basins to natural low maintenance facilities. Again, since the EAC plans on applying

for grants it is in the best interest to create proposals. The proposals will benefit the EAC, the Township, any potential partners and the grant writer.

Mr. Ulery suggested an overall “snap shot” of Salisbury Township to get an idea of with the EAC can work on with Salisbury Township School District, with or without grant money, this year. A habitat design was discussed and believes that would be an ideal key with the hopes of getting Bird Town involved.

Preparation of the proposed 2014 Earth Fair Celebration was discussed. The members are assigned their contact. They discussed the timing for advertising, to whom and where. They discussed the presentations.

Additional Information

Lehigh Valley Health Network’s (LVHN) Earth Week for 2014:

Monday, April 21, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Auditorium 17th Street Campus

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ECCA Muhlenberg Campus

Thursday, April 24, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mack Campus

Friday, April 25, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in ECC 5 at Cedar Crest Campus

Penn State Master Watershed Steward Program – volunteers are needed:

The program in the Lehigh and Northampton Counties will train a new class of volunteers this spring with the interest in the environment. The application is available for download on the Salisbury Township Website under “News” or contact Erin Frederick at PSU at 610-391-9840 or elf145@psu.edu.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Earth Day Event

Adjournment

On a motion by the EAC, the meeting was adjourned. All in favor.