

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 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 (late), Jane Benning, Mary Anne Stinner, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative; Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, BOC liaison, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Task Force member: Robert Agonis. Not present was Sandra Thomas, Katherine Velekei 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.

Minutes – 07/16/2014 and Workshop Minutes – 08/20/2014

Motion was made by Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, to approve the July 16, 2014 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted. All in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mrs. Stinner to approve the August 20, 2014 Environmental Advisory Committee Workshop Meeting Minutes (no quorum) 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

Update on the Salisbury Township Storm Water Basin Retrofit.

The EAC discussed the retrofit. Mr. Tettermer stated that the basin is not in limestone. Mr. Hebelka stated that there is a unique condition on the basin retrofit which is handling non-storm water and more like spring water. The spring water is a continuous flow. This he believes could be a complicated factor in construction.

There was recommendation to start the project in October pending removal of existing vegetation.

Various tree species surrounding the basin were tagged by the Regional Forester from DCNR. The species most compromised were Hemlock; however one of the Hemlock trees appeared to be in good condition. The Regional Forester recommended the tree receive treatment for the blight that has attacked the Hemlock species.

Mr. Tettermer stated that the EAC should consider looking into all options of the retrofit. The idea is a Better Management Practice (BMP) is to eliminate the discharge. Once the vegetation is clear there will be a substantial amount of material in the basin.

New Business

Mr. David Tettermer, Township Engineer, of Keystone Consulting Engineers provided a presentation regarding MS4 and the involvement of STEAC. He provided a brief history of these programs for these clean water acts and aquatic wildlife. It's a National Discharge Pollution Elimination System which is to

confirm that the water discharge in streams, rivers, lakes, etc. is as clean as possible. The DEP oversees the MS4 program.

Per Mr. Tetteimer the STEAC is in compliance with the MS4 at this time. He reviewed the requirements. He reviewed the status of current enforcement, responsibilities and responsibilities expected for the future.

Mr. Tetteimer stated that Salisbury Township has a township wide NPDES permit that directs Salisbury Township to be aware and consider any discharges of storm water to waterways, private or public. Part of this is the MS4 which is a Municipal Stormwater System. As part of the permit the Township is required to show what is going on with the municipal system.

The DEP wants to see indication that the township has taken the responsibility seriously. As a volunteer organization it would be great assistance to the Public Works Department, who runs this program. As of April 2015 new permitting will be required.

Mr. Tetteimer reviewed the township MS4 compliance sheet. He stated to put together a data base must be prepared from 2003 to the present of all projects. The following requirements start with a public outreach and education program and public participation and involvement. To illicit discharge detention and elimination, post construction and construction site run off control, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping. Documentation will be required showing completion and how the township is overseeing the permit.

Links and calendar of events was discussed to be placed on the Township website. This is also considered public information/education.

Mr. Hebelka inquired if there was a model plan or a template to work off. Mr. Tetteimer stated that they will provide the guidance needed to move forward with the MS4.

Additional Information

National Drug Take Back Day is September 27, 2014 which is held by your local police departments. Drop off boxes are available.

National Public Lands Day through Friends of Allentown Park is Saturday, September 27, 2014 and will be held at Trexler Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Educate on bird habitat and pollinator gardens.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Adjournment

The EAC motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned. All in favor.