

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2011**

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: Glenn Miller, Jane Benning, Mary Ann Stinner, Bruce Burchard, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman; Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative; and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Louis Cinquino and Randy Soriano, Township Manager (excused) were not present. Special Task Force members: Glenn Minnick, Samantha Dorney and Sandra Thomas were not present.

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

Mr. Miller 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. Burchard, seconded by Ms. Stinner, to approve the April 20, 2011 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

None

New Business

Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) final review. Ms. Sopka stated that the Environmental Advisory Committee's (EAC) questions of concern are in the process of being address. She advised that more information has been added to the NRI and clarified. Mr. Miller stated that the meeting with Ms. Rebecca Kennedy, Watershed Specialist with the Lehigh County Conservation District (LCCD), went well and he expressed how receptive she is of the EAC concerns. There was small discussion and the members agreed to review the NRI for finalization in preparation to move forward with recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Sopka provided an update of the **Walking Purchase Park Clean Up** that took place on April 30, 2011. She stated it was a great success with the help of about 30 volunteers and two dumpsters. The Township did volunteer a front loader and an employee from Public Works. She stated there has been conversation about an October 2011 clean up.

Discussion ensued regarding a possible **EAC website**. Ms. Sopka offered that there are formats through Google, Yahoo, Facebook, etc. This website will provide education, announcements,

accomplishments, upcoming local events, conferences and workshops, etc. Ms. Sopka offered to email the EAC member's links to website templates. These templates can be used as a guiding factor to determine the type of content preferred to represent the EAC. Mr. Miller stated he would gather information required and forward to Ms. Sopka for review.

Consideration of composting workshop. Discussed ensued about hosting a composting workshop, its presentation/speaker, location and length of the workshop, etc. which needs to be organized and presented to the EAC for discussion and approval followed by recommendation to the Board of Commissioners before implementation. Mrs. Ackerman and Mrs. Stinner will undertake the project with focus on Salisbury Township residents.

Mrs. Ackerman stated that she would like to utilize the township parks for the educational workshop. Mrs. Ackerman and Mrs. Stinner will prepare a plan and present it at the next EAC meeting.

The members had a lengthy discussion regarding rain barrels, grass composting, recycling and compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs.

Mrs. Ackerman discussed acquisition of the disposal fee for consideration of an **e-cycling event** such as CFL bulbs, computer monitors, etc. Discussion on the topic concluded the EAC would consider a Township wide project limited to Salisbury Township residents.

Workshop Announcements:

Saucon Creek Watershed Association is conducting a rain barrel workshop on May 21, 2011 from 9 AM to 12 Noon. If interested please contact Erin Frederick at the Lehigh County Conservation District.

Lehigh Valley Clean Water Summit has been postponed until further notice.

Public Comments

Mr. Paul Willistein expressed his concerns about Marcellus Shale and Fracking and discussed various concerns as stated from other sources. Small discussion ensued and the consensus of the EAC was this is more a Federal and Statue issue. Concerns of individuals would require more research on the subject. Ms. Sopka indicated she would share some resources on the matter but the primary focus on the EAC needs to be relative to Salisbury Township.

Mr. Hebelka provided a reminder of the Allentown EAC South Mountain Hike scheduled for May 21, 2011.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Salisbury Township EAC Website.
Composting workshop project.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Benning, seconded Mr. Burchard, the meeting was adjourned. All in favor.