

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015**

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, Mary Anne Stinner, Karen El Chaar, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, BOC liaison, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC and Task Force members Robert Agonis and Katherine Velekei.

Also present was David Tettermer, Township Engineer and Sandy Nicolo, Assistant Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement Officer and MS4 Coordinator.

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 (STEAC) regular meetings are electronically recorded as required by the By-laws and for the purpose of taking the Minutes.

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On motion of Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, the Environmental Advisory Committee approved the September 16, 2015 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 of September. The Zoning Hearing Board reviewed 1603 Constitution Drive regarding Norfolk Southern Railway proposed to lease to F&F Reload for warehousing. The Planning Commission reviewed 2214 and 2216 Melrose Lane Minor Lot Subdivision, Preliminary/Final Plan Minor Lot Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Western Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department, and a sketch plans for Dunkin Donuts on 3111 Lehigh Street.

Old Business

Salisbury Township Storm Water Basin Retrofit.

Ms. Sopka stated that a majority of the Purple Loosestrife has been mechanically pulled from the basin. Volunteers are still in need. Ms. Sopka contacted Godshall's Landscaping to install the silt sox at the outfall area. Once that is installed grading will begin. The Cattail's have still not been removed, but once ready to grade they will be removed, set aside and replanted.

New Business

The EAC will have open discussion with residents regarding **storm water issues**. Ms. Sopka stated that this will be listed as new business each month as well as provide a format to allow residents to voice their concerns or impacts from storm water issues as well as provide a venue to document their complaints or concerns.

Mr. Sandy Nicolo, Assistant Zoning Director and Code Enforcement Officer attended the meeting. He has been appointed the MS4 Coordinator. Mr. Nicolo introduced himself with small discussion. He stated that he is available to discuss concerns regarding the stormwater municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) program.

Mr. Tettermer presented an update to the MS4 program. He stated that he is available to support or provide guidance to Mr. Nicolo if requested. Mr. Tettermer stated that needed information has been compiled over the past six months and has been provided to Mr. Nicolo. He explained the MS4 requirements such as ongoing storm water education and outreach along with the EAC advocating Public Participation and involvement. The next reporting period is scheduled for 2016 that will include specific details relating to how the Township is complying with the MS4 program. Additional portions of MS4 compliance will be required from the Department of Public Works, the Township Police and Fire departments to provide any storm water related incidents to Mr. Nicolo. The Final report will then be submitted to the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Lehigh County Conservation District (LCCD). The LCCD will inspect sites and will react when necessary when the Township works in conjunction with them to make sure all steps are taken to protection the commonwealth.

Mr. Ulery stated that the EAC responsibility is to provide the educational component and public participation of the MS4 to our residents.

Update for the Eastern Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department Community Day was held on October 10, 2015. The Lehigh Watershed Stewards donated their time and provided information and presentation to visitors of the community day by using an Enviroscape to teach how storm water contributes to impacts to streams.

Ms. Sopka stated that the EAC provided representation during the Community day by distributing pamphlets regarding utilization of rain barrels, native plant gardening and “When it rains it drains” as an opportunity to provide educational materials to individuals participating in the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Native Garden Program with Ms. Kate Brandes, Environmental Scientist and Master Gardener, of Lehigh Gap Nature Center. Participates will create a small garden design for their own residence. Each participate will receive \$25 coupon for native plants. Ms. Brandes talks is scheduled on October 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Moravian Historical Society. To register, www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainable-home-garden-design-tickets-17812379306.

Public Comments

Mr. Agonis stated that they had their second meeting with Urban Research Development Corporation (URDC) for the Laubach Park Master Site Plan. Acting Township Manager, Mrs. Cathy Bonaskiewich and Commissioner Debra Brinton participated in the meeting. The committee reviewed the existing facilities at the site. They had an informal discussion about what to keep, eliminate and renovate.

The Salisbury High School Assistant Principal joined the meeting. He came up with a Student Study Committee Survey that was sent out to the students. The survey covered 16 major points that the student could comment and provide input on the Laubach Master Site Plan.

URDC recommended that the Township should consider adding Franko Park to the Master Site Plan. In essence, if Franko Park was incorporated with the Laubach Master Site Plan, the Township could get help at half of the cost. It was noted that Franko Park Master Plan was prepared 20 years ago and the current use of this park has evolved from a passive park to a facility that houses multiple active fields, etc.

The next scheduled meeting with URDC is November 16, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment

On motion Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, of the EAC meeting was adjourned. All in favor.