

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2016**

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, Jane Benning, Mary Anne Stinner, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, BOC liaison, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC and Task Force members Robert Agonis and Katherine Velekei. Not present were Rodney Conn and Karen El Chaar (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 (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 December 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 December. The Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission had no meetings scheduled. The Board of Commissioners meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business

Mr. Glenn Miller did submit his resignation and was primarily focused on assisting with the development of the EAC's Public Education Outreach and Public Participation /Involvement Program (PEOP Plan).

The EAC finalized our protocol for handling MS4 public education and public participation. The Council and Task force members were steadfast in developing a strong MS4 program for the benefit of the Township. Mr. Agonis was a primary factor in maintaining documentation of the Public Education Outreach and Public Participation/Involvement program which he shared with the EAC members. The EAC understands the project could evolve such as measurable goals may change due to a variety of projects.

As requested at the December 16, 2015 EAC meeting Mr. Nicolo, MS4 Coordinator, requested the EAC formally adopt the program. The EAC motioned to **formally adopt the MS4 Public Education, Outreach and Public Participation/Involvement program (PEOP)** as submitted by Mr. Agonis, EAC Task Force Member.

New Business

Re-nomination of the EAC.

MaryAnn Stinner continues to represent the 5th Ward of the Environmental Advisory Council.

Re-organization of the EAC.

Mrs. Benning made a motion to nominate Kreg Ulery for Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council, Mrs. Stinner seconded the nomination. All in favor.

Mrs. Benning made a motion to nominate Rodney Conn for Vice-Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council, Mrs. Stinner seconded the nomination. All in favor.

Annual Report.

Ms. Sopka provided a DRAFT of the annual report including input from Mr. Ulery, Mr. Miller and Mr. Hebelka. Mr. Ulery stated he would read through it one more time.

The EAC will continue to have open discussion with residents regarding **storm water issues (MS4)**. 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.

Ms. Sopka provided an update regarding the Lehigh County Conservation District (LCCD) regarding the joint **Salisbury Township/South Whitehall Township Rain Barrel Workshop**. The preparatory meeting was held on January 11, 2016 at LCCD. The workshop is scheduled for April 2, 2016 at South Whitehall Township Municipal Campus.

The anticipation is 100 barrels will be donated for this event. The Township needs volunteers to help prepare the barrels. Mr. Ulery stated that to receive a rain barrel you must participate in the presentation portion and education pamphlets will be distributed. Mrs. Ackerman stated that she would like to see rain garden brochures distributed as well.

Walking Purchase Park cleanup is being proposed for April 24, 2016. Volunteers will be needed. There was also discussion to plan for more dumpsters. Ms. Sopka and additional Township Staff will walk the site prior to get a better prospective of the debris being illegally dumped.

Ms. Sopka stated that there is an opportunity for the EAC to work with Ms. Karen El Chaar and get involved in the **Annual Cherry Blossom Festival** scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. located at Cedar Beach/Cedar Creek Parkway. They are interested in having more children participate in this event. This is also an opportunity for the EAC to address MS4 criteria, provide education brochures and resources for LCCD and watershed steward programs.

Ms. Sopka stated that Ms. El Chaar provided additional opportunity to the EAC to participate in an event featuring the 175th Anniversary Celebration of **Bogerts Covered Bridge** on Sunday, June 12, 2016.

Mr. Agonis talked about the Laubach and Franko Farm Master Site Plan. They need key persons for Franko Farm interviews. Mr. Agonis stated he would speak with his wife, Martha, in regards to the interview.

Mr. Nicolo, MS4 Coordinator and staff from the Fire Department provided a power point presentation regarding stormwater. Ms. Sopka was asked to share this presentation with the EAC.

Announcements

Public Comments

Adjournment

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