

**Salisbury Township  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 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, and Karen El Chaar, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman BOC liaison, Cynthia Sopka Secretary to the EAC and Task Force members Robert Agonis and Katherine Velekei. Rodney Conn was 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 January 20, 2016 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 January. The Planning Commission addressed street lighting in Salisbury Park. The zoning amendments were continued until the next planning meeting. The Board of Commissioners meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Annual Report.**

The 2015 Annual Report was submitted to the Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners.

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. Please contact Mr. Nicolo, MS4 Coordinator, with any questions or concerns at 610-797-4000.

Ms. Sopka provided an update regarding the Lehigh County Conservation District (LCCD) regarding the joint **Salisbury Township/South Whitehall Township Rain Barrel Workshop**. The workshop is scheduled for April 2, 2016 at South Whitehall Township Municipal Campus. Mrs. El Chaar stated she is in receipt of brochures and will add this information to her newsletter and submit it via email.

The anticipation is 100 barrels will be donated for this event. The Township needs volunteers to help prepare the barrels. The barrels will be housed at the South Whitehall Township public works garages. There will be two half hour sessions. Both Townships will advertise accordingly. A short presentation will address how this project complies with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System a.k.a. MS4.

**Walking Purchase Park** cleanup is scheduled for April 24, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The Friends of Allentown Parks will provide volunteers from Faith Church. Volunteering for the clean up will be open to the public as well. Additional discussion included to plan for more dumpsters.

Ms. Sopka indicated a scheduled walk of the park will be conducted at least two weeks prior to the clean up as a means to identify the locations of the illegal dumping. Signage and loitering fines were discussed. Ms. El Chaar stated she believes they will have many volunteers this year. Mrs. Ackerman inquired about Ms. El Chaar providing a presentation to the Board of Commissioners regarding illegal dumping.

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 educational brochures and incorporate watershed stewards and the storm water programs.

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

Mr. Agonis talked about the Master Park Plan that will incorporate Laubach Park and Franko Farms. They need key persons for Franko Farm interviews. In addition the consultants involved with the Master Park Plan have requested support from the EAC for the concept of the Serenity Garden. Mr. Ulerly indicated both he and his wife Martha would consider involvement in the garden inclusive of providing recommendations for plantings.

Mr. Nicolo, MS4 Coordinator provided a power point presentation developed by the Fire Department regarding stormwater issues. 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.