

**Salisbury Township  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 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 (Excused) 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 February 17, 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 February. 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**

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.

The joint **Salisbury Township/South Whitehall Township Rain Barrel Workshop** that is scheduled for April 2, 2016 need volunteers to assist with the cleaning and the assembly of the rain barrels. The cleaning is scheduled for March 15, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. It is anticipated that the work will take about 3 or more hours. The Township is providing two public works employees to assist South Whitehall Township public works department.

As noted at the February EAC meeting, the **Walking Purchase Park** clean up is scheduled for April 24, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Friends of Allentown Parks is organizing the clean up in conjunction with Salisbury Township, City of Allentown, Faith Church, Lehigh County and Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN).

The Laubach Park/Franko Farm Committee is scheduled to meet on March 21, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Township building. On April 18, 2016 there will be a public meeting to review and make comment on the facilities at **Laubach Park Master Plan and Franko Farm Park Master Plan**. It will discuss the design to provide for preservation, enhancement of natural ecosystems, the need for youth sports, recreation facilities, sustainable stormwater, and forest management systems.

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.

The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Bogerts Covered Bridge is Sunday, June 12, 2016. The STEAC was giving an opportunity to participate in this event. There are resources with Lehigh County Conservation District (LCCD) and the Master Watershed Stewards for a program of this nature.

### **Announcements**

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary has received its second nomination as a contender for “Best Birding Destination” in the USA Today’s Best Reader’s Choice travel destination contest. Need daily votes click on the link: <http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-place-for-birding/>

Ms. Sue Urchek, Program Coordinator to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful specific to illegal dumping: <http://illegaldumpfreepa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Evidence-Key-to-Prosecution-pr.pdf>

### **Public Comments**

### **Adjournment**

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