

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 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, Rodney Conn, Jane Benning, Mary Anne Stinner, Karen El Chaar (excused), Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, BOC liaison, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC and Task Force members Robert Agonis and Katherine Velekei.

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.

Approval of the Minutes

On motion of Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, the Environmental Advisory Committee approved the March 16, 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 April 2016. The Zoning Hearing Board addressed with Mr. Bret Wirth's requested for consideration of a Special Exception and Variance for 2402 South Filbert Street, Allentown, PA 18103. The property is in a Conservation Residential (CR) Zoning District that requires a 2 acre minimum. The property is currently served by public water and sewer. The Planning Commission held a public meeting on April 12, 2016 to address Southbury Park Final Plans; Dunkin Donuts 3111 Lehigh Street Development Plan; Lot Consolidation and Land Development Plan for 2451 Parkwood Drive. The Board of Commissioners meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business

Walking Purchase Park Cleanup is scheduled for Sunday April 24, 2016 starting at 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM or completion. The township staff visited the site and tagged locations along Constitution Drive and Riverside Drive where illegal dumping occurred. Ms. Sopka stated that she has the gloves and trash bags for volunteers. Ms. Sopka stated that a lot of trash was dumped in tarps opposite the fountain location where water flows down slope toward the river. Most of the trash was recyclable materials and toys. Ms. Sopka also advised that Norfolk Southern prevented the volunteers from having access to the debris along the tracks due to a liability issue.

Additional discussion ensued regarding illegal dumping and how to help prevent it. Ms. Sopka did state that Lehigh County did want the Township to adopt speed bumps which would help the cars to reduce their speed. The discussion on updating signage and fines for illegal dumping at Walking Purchase Park would require input from Lehigh County, City of Allentown and Salisbury Township.

On motion by Mr. Rodney Conn, seconded by Mrs. Benning, the Environmental Advisory Committee voted to provide additional guidance and recommendations for Walking Purchase Park illegal dumping fines and signage to the Board of Commissioners for review and approval. All in favor.

New Business

The EAC will continue to have the opportunity for the public to discuss **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 took place April 2, 2016 was a great success. Over 110 people attended the workshop. There was positive feedback noted on the evaluation forms. Participants now have a better understanding on the benefits of the rain barrel.

The Laubach Park/Franko Farm Committee is hosting a public meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Township building to review the **Laubach Park Master Plan and Franko Farm Park Master Plan**.

<http://www.salisburytownship.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/park-master-plan-041816.pdf>

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. This could provide an opportunity for the STEAC to address MS4 criteria as well as provide educational brochures regarding storm water, rain gardens, rain barrels, etc.

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

Announcements

Public Comments

Adjournment

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