

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 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 (excused), Karen El Chaar, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman (excused) 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. Mrs. Sopka 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 Karen El Chaar, seconded by Rodney Conn, the Environmental Advisory Committee approved the May 18, 2016 meeting minutes as submitted. All in favor.

Report of officers and committees (including BOC, PC, Manager and /or Planning/Zoning):

Ms. Sopka stated that there were no meetings scheduled for Zoning or Planning and the Board of Commissioners meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business

The EAC had representation at the 175th Anniversary Celebration of Bogerts Covered Bridge on June 12, 2016. Mr. Jerry Mistal the representative from the Master Watershed Steward Program presented the display of the hydroscape to a group of young children who were in attendance for the event. Flyers and brochures were available to address stormwater impacts.

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.

Mr. Nicolo provided an update on the requirements to the MS4 program and provided a detailed “2016” MS4 update report to the STEAC which was similar to the report provided to the Board of Commissioners at the July 14th meeting. Mr. Nicolo indicated the goal is to have project, programs and procedures in place by the end of 2016.

Mr. Nicolo indicated most of the Best Management practice items listed under minimum control measures have been completed in the Township. There are a few outstanding matters such as MCM#1 public education and outreach that require a written public education program for 2016

and 2017 needs to be completed. Discussion continued regarding the need to coordinate a program with the school districts within the Township boundaries.

Mr. Ulery indicated the STEAC would like to do something more formal with the school district and Swain School. Discussion involved the identification of specific plans and goals for public education and outreach for the year 2017. The EAC must also need to fill the requirement for the year 2016. A program needs to be coordinated with the school district.

Mr. Nicolo indicated the STEAC should focus on providing publication materials to the school and residents regarding stormwater information for the upcoming year of 2017.

In addition to MCM#5, the PADEP encourages post construction management in new development to incorporate the use of Low Impact Stormwater Management Design. Ms. Sopka indicated the concept of Low Impact Development (LID) incorporates a series of Best Management Practices such as nonstructural stormwater management approach and strategies incorporated into the proposed site's design. Elements such as vegetation and landscaping are considered along with minimizing land disturbance inclusive of reducing impervious coverage. Ms. Sopka indicated that once we have finalized with the guidance associated with LID, it should/could be incorporated into the existing Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The LID would also be applicable to land development projects as well as redevelopment projects.

Mr. Agonis provided an introduction of a document that would be instrumental to address with the Board of Commissioners regarding illegal dumping. Once this document is reviewed and agreed upon a the EAC representatives indicated a summary power point presentation should be presented to the Board of Commissionerson the issue of illegal dumping. Mr. Agonis also addressed the need to create fees to address illegal dumping.

The STEAC would also like to incorporate the Lehigh Valley Mountain Biker group to help monitor activity at Walking Purchase Park. Mr. Willistein indicated the STEAC should reach out to other groups such as the Delaware River Corridor and the Lehigh River Historical Heritage Corridor for additional guidance and recommendation. Mr. Willistein also indicated the STEAC form partnerships with Arts Quest, Rodale, St. Lukes and possibly utilize Channel 69 to assist with publicity.

Ms. Sopka indicated that the EAC particiapted in the annual Cherry Blossom Festival on April 30, 2016. The EAC provided information addressing MS4 criteria as well as educational brochures regarding storm water, rain gardens, rain barrels, etc.

Ms. Sopka indicated the Salisbury Township Stormwater basin retrofit has a deadline of December 2016. The work to date that has been performed is the removal of Japanese Knotweed, follow up removal of the Japanese knotweed with herbicide, fence removed, diseased trees removed, grading of site and relocation of large stones for the sitting area, the creation of an ADA accessibility pathway from the parking lot to seating area. The Township Public Works would assist with various that require heavy equipment. A memo was prepared and submitted to the Township Manager to assist in addressing outstanding items relative to retrofit basin.

Mr. Agonis provided information regarding the Spotted Lantern Fly. One recommendation of the EAC was to consider preparation of a flyer to guide residents on the type of invasive species that could migrate or exist within our township. It would provide guidance and educate our township residents on how to identify these invasive plants, insects, etc.

Ms. Karen El Chaar also provided information on the proposed Dog Park to be located on Dixon Street that is adjacent to Trout Creek. There will be an educational component at the Woofstock that will be held on September 10th at Cedar Beech.

Announcements

Keep PA Beautiful is accepting applications for community improvements mini-grants. The link for the grant: <http://www.keppabeautiful.org/GrantsAward/25in25.aspx>

Public Comments

Adjournment

On motion by Karen El Chaar seconded by Rodney Conn the EAC meeting was adjourned. All in favor.