

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2017**

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. Task Force members Robert Agonis (excused) 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 Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mr. Conn, the Environmental Advisory Committee approved the February 17, 2017 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. The Zoning Hearing Board had an appeal for a variance to enlarge a garage and reduce the side yard setback by four feet. Planning had two Land Developments, one at 3333 Lehigh Street, the Scott/Volvo Building Addition, and at 3401 Lehigh Street, the Knopf Dealership Showroom Expansion.

The Board of Commissioners meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business

2016 Annual Report of the STEAC in process.

New Business

The EAC will continue to have the opportunity for the public to discuss **storm water issues (MS4)**. Please contact Mr. Nicolo, MS4 Coordinator, with any questions or concerns at 610-797-4000.

There was discussion of the April 30, 2017 Walking Purchase Park clean up.

Mr. Ulery would provide a presentation to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) on the document entitled “**Recommendations to the BOC to Curb Illegal Dumping**”. Mr. Robert Stiffler, who works with Lehigh County, made a recommendation that the EAC make a presentation to the City of Allentown and the Lehigh County relative to the illegal dumping occurring at Walking Purchase Parks. The recommendation is to provide a presentation to the entities who own Walking Purchase Park and address the issue of Illegal Dumping that prevails in the park.

The EAC needs to coordinate a time and place to address the issue of Illegal Dumping in our park systems with City of Allentown, Lehigh County and EAC representatives. Once the meeting has been conducted then we would be able to address this further.

The final report for the **Stormwater detention basin retrofit** has been completed and submitted to the PADEP. We did receive the grant funds from PADEP. There was then discussion on educational component of the detention basin such as identifying the types of native plants and the value they provide to the pollinators, bird species and other wildlife.

Mr. Ulery addressed the value of the Kiosk that would provide an educational component to the Stormwater detention basin and the value of the plants. Mrs. Ackerman addressed landscaping portions of the municipal campus with native plants. Mr. Ulery indicated that native plants would serve a great purpose for the township. Discussion ensued regarding management of the basin and removal of the invasive plants as they attempt to regain dominance.

The Friends of Allentown Parks, Salisbury Township, Faith Church, Starbucks employees and the LV Mountain Bikers joined forces for a **Cleanup at Walking Purchase Park** on April 30th, 2017. Everyone did a phenomenal job.

Announcements - None

Adjournment

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