

**Salisbury Township  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 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 (excused), 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 (excused).

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**

The Environmental Advisory Committee did not have a quorum; therefore, they could not approve the May 17, 2017 meeting minutes as submitted.

**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 July 2017. The Zoning Hearing Board had no appeals. The Planning Commission reviewed the Minor Lot Subdivision and Lot Consolidation between 2860 Lindberg Avenue and Salisbury Township, they reviewed a Preliminary/Final Lot Line adjustment between 2242 Church Road and 2230 Church Road, and they reviewed the proposed final Subdivision and Lot Consolidation Plan between 3120 Douglas Road and 2736 W. Rock Road. In addition to the reviews, the Planning Commission reviewed several chapters of the SALDO.

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**

Ms. Sopka stated that the EAC needs volunteers to help remove some of the invasive Japanese knotwood as it is starting to regrow. She states that she tries to stay on top of it. She also stated that there is a tree that needs to be planted along with some native plants that Mr. Ulery provided.

**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.

Ms. Sopka stated that the EAC did not receive the EnviroScape Grant. Mr. Ulery inquired if that was part of the budget if we did not get the grant. Ms. Sopka stated there is a budget for purchase of it.

Mr. Ulery stated that the EAC needs to get working on connecting with the school, Enviroscope and watershed coalition. The EAC does get credit when involved with these types of items.

Mr. Ulery and Ms. Sopka held a meeting with Lehigh County Representative Mr. Robert Shiffler; Ms. Lindsay Taylor, Parks Director of the City of Allentown regarding illegal dumping that occurs at Walking Purchase Park.

Mr. Ulery will provide a presentation to the Board of Commissioners (BOC). Mr. Shiffler made recommendation that the EAC make a presentation to the City of Allentown and the Lehigh County relative to illegal dumping at Walking Purchase Park. The recommendation is to provide a presentation to the owners of Walking Purchase Park and address the issue of Illegal Dumping that prevails in the park.

Mr. Ulery stated that the presentation to the BOC and encourage them to start a more strict illegal dumping Ordinance. This Ordinance should co-exist with Allentown as well. There for the Ordinance are similar. If it is in place Mr. Agonis has connections to Greener PA and get set up with cameras. Mr. Ulery stated there are people to help us but until an Ordinance is in place there is not much that can be done. Mrs. Ackerman stated to incorporate as much information and certain things so the Board understands what the EAC wants and needs.

Ms. Sopka spoke of street trees and native trees and they are specific on what they support. 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. Ms. Sopka stated she has been monitoring the basin. The honey bees that utilize the water source, the tadpoles are gone but there are a few frogs in the basin.

Ms. Ackerman inquired if there is a grant or funding for street trees, especially the one's that are diseased or in bad shape. She inquired if there are street tree grants. Ms. Sopka discussed street trees throughout the township and how they are promoting nature and other species.

Mr. Ulery stated that he has the information he needs to help address the value of the Kiosk that would provide an educational component to the Stormwater detention basin and the value of the plants. Ms. Sopka stated that when she was doing a lot of the plantings she was propagating fact sheets of the plants.

#### **Announcements - None**

#### **Adjournment**

The EAC meeting was adjourned. All in favor.