

Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council
August 16, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
Updated Agenda for STEAC

Order of Business

Call to Order

Roll Call

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• Kreg Ulery, Chair Person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Rodney Conn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Jane Benning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Mary Anne Stinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Karen El Chaar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Joanne Ackerman, (BOC liaison)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Cynthia Sopka (Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Robert Agonis (Task Force Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Katherine Velekei (Task Force Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notifications: *All public sessions of the Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Committee regular meetings are electronically monitored (tape recorded) for the purpose of taking the Minutes.*

Review/Approve Minutes:

Approve the Minutes from May 17, 2017

The meeting dated for July 19th 2017 did not have a quorum therefore the meeting was short and no formal action was taken. However there was discussion on the following items:

1. The minutes of May 17, 2017 need to be approved
2. Though we applied for a grant to acquire the Enviroscape, we did not get the funding.
3. The MS4 Coordinator is requesting an update to the STEAC MS4 criteria.
4. A meeting was conducted with Robert Stiffler of the Lehigh County and Lindsay Taylor from the City of Allentown regarding the need to establish an Ordinance regarding Illegal dumping in the parks, moreso Walking Purchase Park.
5. Mr. Robert Stiffler of Lehigh County Parks recommended the STEAC to proceed with the presentation to the Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners regarding the ongoing issue of Illegal Dumping in our parks namely Walking Purchase Park.
6. Once the project is reviewed by the Township Board of Commissioners then the STEAC could move forward with informing City of Allentown and Lehigh County regarding the outcome of the recommendations.
7. Mrs. Ackerman recommended the EAC provide exactly what is needed to address the issue of Illegal dumping, provide a number of local municipalities that are addressing the issue, provide a value or cost benefit analysis associated with illegal dumping such as the cost of individuals hourly rate for their volunteerism of cleaning up the illegal dumping.
8. Provide a listing of how many municipalities have an ordinance similar to address illegal dumping.
9. Incorporate Mr. Agonis on assisting with the above referenced items.

10. The STEAC had a brief discussion on the continued Street tree removal and the issue of residents not interested in replanting. Additional discussion included the STEAC should advocate the value of Streets trees and their impact on Stormwater (MS4) as well as incorporate utilization of native plants and include how native plants support natural environments by providing shelter, food source, and insects into the environment to help support the birds, bees, butterflies, mammals, etc.

Report of officers and committees

1. Zoning Hearing Board – There was an appeal to the zoning hearing board regarding a property 87 Chestnut Hill Road, Emmaus located in the CR district that had steep slopes and would be developed by the applicant. The project was continued to September 5, 2017.
2. Planning – The planning commission reviewed the minor lot subdivision and lot consolidation plan between 2860 Lindberg Ave. and Salisbury Township. The PC reviewed a preliminary/final lot line adjustment between 2242 Church Road and 2230 Church Rd. The PC reviewed the proposed final subdivision and lot consolidation plan between 3120 Douglas Road and 2736 West Rock Road. In addition to the reviews the PC reviewed several chapters of the SALDO.

Old Business:

- The EAC needs volunteers to help remove some of the invasive Japanese knotweed.
- The Stormwater basin is in need of more native plants to be planted within the basin and also along the top of the basin. Please contact Cynthia Sopka at csopka@salisburytownship.org if you have some plants to share.

New Business:

- Stormwater issues please feel free to contact Sandy Nicolo MS4 coordinator for Salisbury Township at 610-797-4000 to express concerns, report an incident or just request more information.
- The Salisbury Township EAC as well as Salisbury Township Employees have been involved with discussions to address the current policy of the Salisbury Township Street Tree Ordinance. The EAC will be working on addressing the issue of our Street Tree Ordinance with the hope of streamlining the process, incorporating native trees and evaluating street trees in conjunction to those that are located in the Electric Right of Way. The intent is to find recommendations to address Street trees since they are often disappearing due to age, improper locations, underground utilities, etc.
- EAC representatives Kreg Ulery and Cynthia Sopka held a meeting with Lehigh County Representative Robert Stiffler; Lindsay Taylor, Parks Director of the City of Allentown regarding the illegal dumping that occurs at Walking Purchase Park. Kreg Ulery would provide a presentation to the Board of Commissioners on the document entitled “Recommendations to the BOC to Curb Illegal Dumping”. 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.

- 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.
- Kreg Ulery addressed the value of the Kiosk that would provide an educational component to the Stormwater detention basin and the value of the plants.
- JoAnne Ackerman proposed the EAC should be involved with landscaping portions of the municipal campus with native plants. Kreg 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.
- Cynthia has been monitoring the basin. There are honey bees that utilize the water source, the tadpoles are gone but there are a few frogs in the basin. If there are any individuals who would like to provide additional plants to support the native plantings in the basin please contact Cynthia at 484-661-5831.
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