

Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council  
September 20, 2017 @ 7:00 PM  
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"/>
• 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 August 16, 2017

**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 October 3, 2017. The Zoning Hearing Board heard the appeal from Jeffrey and Rebecca Russell requesting a variance from §306 Table of Permitted Uses that allows for a single family dwelling as the principal building on a property. The applicant proposed to incorporate the existing residence for the care of their parents however the Zoning Hearing Board recommended the applicant submit a minor lot subdivision to allow a new home to be built on their property and remain under their ownership. The property consists of 16 acres and is located in the R-2 Low Density Residential Zoning District.

2. Planning – The planning commission reviewed two sketch plans:

2686 SOUTH FOURTH STREET, SALISBURY TOWNSHIP

Review the proposed Sketch Plan for the Land Development for Roche Painting located on 2686 South Fourth Street, Allentown PA. The site is vegetated with some steep slopes within the site. The property is located in the C-2 Zoning Neighborhood Commercial District and also includes a portion of the land located in the R-4 Zoning Medium Density Residential District.

400 EAST MOUNTAIN ROAD, ALLENTOWN, PA

Review the proposed Sketch Plan for property located within the Conservation – Residential (CR Zoning District) of Salisbury Township that consists of 18 acres of land. The property once served as an Outdoor Recreational facility that included a clubhouse, Pavilion, and an indoor facility to host events. The proposed project would include four (4) story residential buildings that would equate to 144 dwelling units as well as include a club house and outdoor recreation area.

**Old Business:**

- The EAC needs volunteers to help remove some of the invasive Japanese knotweed, purple loosestrife and help plant some spice bush and other native plants- please contact the Township if you are available to assist.
- 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.pa.gov](mailto:csopka@salisburytownship.pa.gov) if you have some plants to share.

**New Business:**

- Lehigh County is sponsoring a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on Saturday, October 28. You MUST pre-register. A description of the event is on [www.lehighcounty.org](http://www.lehighcounty.org) (the link to the event is: [https://home.lehighcounty.org/bookit/HHWEvent/HHW\\_Intro.aspx](https://home.lehighcounty.org/bookit/HHWEvent/HHW_Intro.aspx) - click the **Reservation Request Form** button at the bottom to pre-register).
- This Saturday, Sept. 23, is the Fall Migration Fest at Lehigh Gap Nature Center. The Lehigh Gap Nature Center may prove to be an excellent resource/partner to help educate township residents about not just the value of native plants in landscapes, but also in how to incorporate them. The Fall Migration Fest is a terrific event with a full schedule. Check it out at [http://lgnc.org/event/migration-fest-2/?instance\\_id=375](http://lgnc.org/event/migration-fest-2/?instance_id=375).
- Salisbury Township EAC needs to find volunteers to assist with the Western Salisbury Fire Department Community Day scheduled for September 23, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please contact Cynthia Sopka if you are available to assist with the program. Please call Cynthia at 484-661-5831.
- Salisbury Township EAC needs to find volunteers to assist with the Eastern Salisbury Fire Department Community Day scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 3 PM. Please contact Cynthia Sopka at 484-661-5831 if you are available to assist with the program.

**Old 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. The EAC hopes to provide “Recommendations to the Salisbury Township 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. We anticipate an Eagle Scout will assist the EAC with the construction of the Kiosk.
- Landscaping of the Township Municipal Campus was discussed.
- 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.
- PUBLIC COMMENT