

**Salisbury Township  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 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 (late), Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, BOC liaison, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Task Force member Katherine Velekei.

Mr. Kreg Ulery called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Ulery 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 by Mr. Conn, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, the Environmental Advisory Council approved the September 20, 2017 meeting minutes as amended.

**Report of officers and committees (including BOC, PC, Manager and /or**

**Planning/Zoning**): Zoning Hearing Board – The ZHB reviewed the final revisions on 87 Chestnut Hill Appeal regarding steep slopes and siting of the home and driveway. The ZHB approved the recommended changes. The ZHB heard the appeal of an enforcement proceeding regarding 2120 W. Mosser St. regarding various violations occurring on the site. The Zoning Hearing Board members agreed the violations needed to be corrected and verified by the Zoning Officer to be sure the violations were addressed.

There were no submissions for the Planning Commission. The Board of Commissioners meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month.

**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.

Mr. Ryan Sinko, a ten year Boy Scout, provided a presentation for his Eagle Scout project which is the Kiosk for the Storewater Detention Basin. He will develop a Kiosk and it will highlight the native plantings and clean water that will be in the Basin. He also stated he is going to put up birdhouses and a bathhouse around the area. The funding is asked of Salisbury Township but that would be the only requirement as he would construct it himself. It is about a \$350 project. He drew up the Kiosk and will provide this information to the members. They discussed the dimensions and construction of the Kiosk. Mr. Ulery made recommendation to contact Mr. Scott Burnett from the Audubon and would provide his contact information.

STEAC representation at the Eastern Salisbury Fire Department Community Day was held on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 3 PM. Kathy Velekei and Karen El Chaar were available at the event. Ms. El Chaar stated that it went very well and they were pleased that they joined in the

day. The provided storm water information and created an area of laminated sheets of invasive plants which brought in people's attention. There were a lot of questions regarding composting, there were games and activity books for the kids. The games taught the kids about wildlife, insects and birds.

Salisbury Township budgeted funds for the Watershed Enviroscape and the respective carrying case. The order was submitted to the company and we expect the Watershed Enviroscape will assist the EAC with educating students on the impacts of Stormwater in our environment and community. The items are currently at the Township Zoning/Planning department.

Salisbury Township is hosting an event to assist Lindberg Park and the growing weed problem that has impacted the Meadows. The event will occur on October 22, 2017 starting at 10 AM until 2:00 PM. We anticipate volunteers from Muhlenberg College and the Local Girl Scout group. Additional volunteers from the Master Gardener Program are anticipated to attend. The public is welcome to assist. Ms. Sopka stated that URDC ordered the seeds they got it from two sources and it was specific for meadows and what happened is they did the planting things were growing but a majority of the seeds were weed seeds. So now the meadow is over come with large weeds. That's when Ms. Sopka stepped in and gathered the event to pull out the weeds and keep the meadow with volunteers.

Mr. Ulery brought up the illegal dumping and he and Mr. Conn reviewed the Ordinance. He would like to use the existing Ordinance as the base line and adding to it the model Ordinances from keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and add on the enforcement section. Discussion ensued. Ms. Sopka concurred with the addition of the illegal dumping.

Ms. El Char stated that she ran into a resident by the name of Mr. John Eberhart who resides down near Walking Purchase Park. He stated he took notice to nice families walking through the park. However, he did offer most recently the Allentown Bomb Squad went through. Does this need to be advised to the Salisbury Police Department.

She also stated that she would like to see hunting remove from Walking Purchase Park because it is a park. Families are walking through the park now. It is very dangerous with hunting. Ms. El Char would like to put a request in because they are shooting/crossbow/mountain biking is all through the Salisbury side of the area. Allentown has an Ordinance against it.

### **Announcements**

Lehigh County is offering a HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION event for Lehigh County Residents. THE EVENT DATE IS 10/28/2017. YOU ARE ASKED TO PRE-REGISTER ONLINE TO PARTICIPATE AT [WWW.LEHIGHCOUNTY.ORG](http://WWW.LEHIGHCOUNTY.ORG).

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES & SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNI are invited to join the Salisbury School District and Salisbury Township to a COMMUNITY BREAKFAST on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Salisbury High School at 500 E. Montgomery St. Allentown, PA Breakfast includes Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee & juices.

### **Adjournment**

The EAC meeting was adjourned. All in favor.