

**Salisbury Township  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2018**

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, Jane Benning, Karen El Chaar, Jacquelyn Heiserman, Commissioner Rodney Conn, BOC Liaison, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Task Force Member: Katherine Velekei. Edward Olearczk (excused) was not present.

Ms. Sopka called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Ms. Sopka announced that all sessions of the Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council regular meetings are electronically recorded as required by the By-laws and for the purpose of taking the Minutes.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Motion was made by Mrs. Benning and seconded by Mrs. Heiserman, to approve the February 21, 2018 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes as amended. 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 May.

1. Planning – 2686 South Pike Ave. Roche Painting land development in the C-2 Zoning Neighborhood Commercial District. This was presented to the Board of Commissioners and approved.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Reorganization of STEAC representatives to be placed on hold.** Ms. Sopka stated typically there are monthly meetings, however if there is not a lot going on she suggested meeting quarterly or every two months depending upon if there is something of value.

Ms. Sopka stated that there is potential also for the portion of the EAC to be involved in the street tree Ordinance. Consider an arborist to help out with the street trees. Ms. Sopka is still in the process of working on the Ordinance. The Board of Commissioners would receive recommendation to either remove the street tree or not remove it. Small discussion ensued.

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. Velekei utilized several brochures at the LVHN Earth Fair Event hosted on April 20, 2018. The Brochures were very informative.

Mr. Conn met with the Salisbury Township School District to address items such as the MS4 public service announcement and the projects that can be done with the school. They are able to provide public service and classes set up for this. Ms. Sopka stated that she had a link in regards to stormwater and provided that information and research. She also talked to them regarding the potential for the fall of this year and have the students walk along one of the parks or Trout Creek and if they see garbage dumped into the creek they can video and provide Sandy, the MS4 Coordinator, talk about it and air it on their TV channel.

Ms. El Chaar stated that PPL has a community roots program where they donate tree seedlings and she received 275 tree seedlings and worked on it for Arbor Day and involved the Allentown School District students. The students first planted them in pots and a few days later the students were invited to plant the trees in the Allentown Parks. Because of this, the City of Allentown had a lot of MS4 education which counted towards the MS4 program.

Ms. Sopka advised she contacted PPL as well. She had a group of five students from Muhlenberg College accompany her with planting trees in the Municipalities basin. There are trees that are even ready to plant at Laubach Park. They spoke of getting the younger students of Salisbury involved. They considered videotaping the plantings and advertise it on their TV in school.

Illegal dumping initiative was discussed. They even came across the dumping of dead animals. Ordinance needs to be in place for the Board of Commissioners to know what they are approving. Consider a state code to be added to the Ordinance. They also considered adding a misdemeanor and a fine. After it is written up it should be reviewed by the Township Solicitor. To also enforce it they need to take a step up and get the camera's up.

Signage needs to be in place stating the proper fines.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

**Re-Organization of STEAC Representatives – be determined at the next EAC meeting.**

### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Mrs. Benning, seconded Mrs. Heiserman, the meeting was adjourned. All in favor.