Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council

Salisbury Township Administrative Building 2900 South Pike Ave. Allentown, PA 18103 Wednesday

October 16, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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•	Jane Benning		
•	Sandra A. Engler		
•	Edward Olearczk		
•	Jacquelyn Heiserman		
•	John Barbaz		
•	Sandy Nicolo, MS4 Coordinator		
•	Rodney Conn (BOC liaison)		
•	Cynthia Sopka (Secretary)		
•	Katherine Velekei (Task Force Member)		

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:

The last meeting that was held for the EAC was conducted on August 21, 2019. The primary focus for the August 21st meeting was to host an event regarding teaching individuals how to properly clean your recyclables. If there is any form of contamination, then the entire content in the recycling container is then thrown into the garbage.

It is important to place these items in the recycling container such as:

Dry flattened cardboard that is not wet, dry paper that is not wet; clean out metal cans and remove the paper from the cans; clean out plastic bottles and jugs to be sure there is nothing in the bottles; the same is for glass bottles. All paper that is affixed onto the bottles, cans, and glass should be removed. All items should be clean of debris metal cans, plastic bottles; glass bottles

and Jugs. Any paper that is on the bottles or cans should be removed and thrown into the garbage.

In order to recycle properly never place the following items in the recycling container such as Plastic bags and wrappers; soiled paper; Styrofoam; clothing and shoes; greasy pizza boxes; food; electronics and batteries; yard waste diapers; tools, toys; construction waste; medical waste and scrap metal. These items are meant for the garbage.

The presentation on how to recycle properly provided education to at least 20 residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

- These are notes from the last meeting of August 21, 2019.
- Sandra Eckhart and Kent Larson created a power point presentation to the audience to address the proper way of recycling. The EAC would like to present the power point presentation to the schools within Salisbury School District area.
- The link regarding the recycling program is included with this notice: https://recycleoftenrecycleright.com/
 - The township has presented the link to allow residents to see how contamination is occurring and is now going into landfills.
 - The EAC was also informed that UPS will take Bubble wrap. Also AERC will take electronics but there might be a small charge.
- Mr. John Niessen, Regional Forester for Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources presented information regarding the impact of the emerald ash borer in Salisbury Township. He also indicated that the Township is also experiencing a tremendous amount of trees that are being removed either due to disease, excessive storm events or invasive insects such as the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Nissen indicated the reason for trees that are dying is due to secondary stresses such as excessive storm events. Mr. Nissen indicated that approximately 95% of the ash trees are stressed due to the Emerald Ash Borer.
- The Spotted Lantern Fly has returned to the Lehigh Valley. For additional information please contact the Penn State Extension to learn more about the Spotted Lanternfly. In addition, there is a hotline at 1-888-422-3359 with questions on spotted lanternfly management or to report a sighting. The EAC would be a perfect venue to address the issue of what residents can do to deal with the Spotted Lantern Fly. The EAC could get involved with gathering information that residents would be able to utilize on how to rid of the Spotted Lantern Fly. Mr. John Niessen indicated more information can be obtained from the Penn State Extension link https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly.
- Is there an EAC representative that would be willing to create a FLYER to help residents understand how to get rid of or manage the SLF. It would be helpful to talk about it on October 16 meeting.

MS4 The following items need to be addressed by the EAC

MCM 1. Public Education and Outreach

Utilize the Enviroscape to teach children and older individuals about the impact of stormwater

Take the Enviroscape to the schools to teach students about stormwater such as Salisbury School District; Swain School; St. Thomas More.

MCM 2. Public Involvement and Participation: The EAC needs some MS4 education plan of educational projects to be completed for the June 2020 progress report