

**Salisbury Township  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2014**

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: Glenn Miller, Kreg Ulery, Jane Benning, Mary Ann Stinner, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, BOC liaison, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Task Force member: Robert Agonis. Committee member not present Sandra Thomas, Joseph Hebelka Planning Commission Representative, Randy Soriano, Township Manager (excused).

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Miller 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.

**Minutes – 11/20/2013**

Motion was made by Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, to approve the November 20, 2013 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.

**Old Business**

Guidance project to create educational flyers regarding Street Trees. Ms. Sopka stated that there is a WREN grant available for consideration. Links to similar sites were sent to each respective EAC member regarding the following topics:

1. Shade Trees and Street Trees
2. Role of PPL and other utilities
3. Educate residents on proper tree planting
4. Educate residents on maintaining a health tree population

Ms. Sopka will communicate with the School District for the partnership of **Trout Creek's riparian buffers restoration project**. If the School District is still interested she will ask Mr. Hoffman to present the potentials of this project.

**New Business**

**Re-organization of the EAC.**

Mrs. Benning made a motion to nominate Kreg Ulery for Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council. Mrs. Stinner seconded the nomination. All in favor.

Mrs. Benning made a motion to nominate Glenn Miller for Vice-Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council. Mrs. Stinner seconded the nomination. All in favor.

**Birdtown Summit** was rescheduled from 12/14/2013, due to inclement weather, to January 18, 2014, starting at 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mr. Ulery advised that he will be attending. The location is John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Rd., Audubon, PA 19403. He will gather as much information from the Audubon as he can for the EAC Earth Fair Celebration. Mr. Ulery stated that if

Birdtown is unable to join the Earth Fair Celebration he would provide a presentation. He believes it is important to educate the residents on correct plantings. If a lot of birds migrate to this area that means we have provided the correct planting and we have a very healthy environment, etc. The first goal is to make this information available to township residents. Ms. Sopka stated that the Audubon website has educational information regarding habitats and how food is the source to pull in birds you would like to be present.

The proposed **2014 Earth Fair Celebration** is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Lindberg Park is secured for this event. This event will be rain or shine.

Commission Ackerman offered that she has been in contact with Ms. Linda Emery of Waste Management and inquired if there were new upcoming items/events. Ms. Emery advised that hazardous waste is being worked on as a new service. Waste Management will provide hazardous waste disposal. Bids are being proposed to Lehigh County. If you contact Waste Management they will provide you with a container for disposal which must be placed at your front door or garage for pick up. This type of disposal will have an additional cost for proper disposal. The EAC also discussed battery recycling and a possible battery management program.

The focus for the Earth Fair will be:

1. Lehigh Valley Master Gardeners – composting (10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)
2. Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) (10:30 a.m. -11 a.m.)
3. Bird Town (11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
4. Waste Management – recycling (11:30 a.m. -12 p.m.)

The advertising/communication needs to be developed. Ms. Thomas offered to make flyers in past meetings. This information will be provided to her. Consider advertising on WFMZ news, township website, email, and a small advertisement on the utilities bills that are mailed quarterly. Distribute flyers to the School District and LVHN.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) 2014 Earth Week dates and times:**

Monday, April 21, 2014, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Auditorium – 17<sup>th</sup> Street Campus  
Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in ECCA – Muhlenberg Campus  
Thursday, April 24, 2014, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mack Campus  
Friday, April 25, 2014, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cedar Crest Campus

#### **Call for Volunteers to participate in the Penn State Master Watershed Steward Program.**

The program in Lehigh and Northampton Counties will train a new class of volunteers this spring with an interest in the environment, specifically the Master Watershed Steward program. The application is available for download on the Salisbury Township Website under “News” or you can contact Erin Frederick at PSU at 610-391-9840 or elf145psu.edu for more information. No cost.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

Earth Day Event

### **Adjournment**

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