

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2013**

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, Mary Ann Stinner, Jane Benning, Kreg Ulery, Sandra Thomas, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC, and Randy Soriano, Township Manager. Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative was (excused) not present.

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.

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Motion was made by Mr. Ulery, seconded by Mrs. Benning, to approve the January 16, 2013 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted. 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

The Board of Commissioners approved the application for Bird Town participation of \$850.00. This application has been submitted.

New Business

Ms. Linda Emery and Ms. Patty Barthel, Waste Management Public Affairs Coordinator, presented education projects for the EAC Earth Day Celebration Event scheduled for May 18, 2013.

Ms. Barthel stated she has been in communication with Mrs. Ackerman in the planning of the Earth Day Celebration and the potential for that day. Ms. Barthel stated that they could provide educational outreach and programming on a variety of levels. She would like to focus specifically on recycling and the reasons behind recycling. Waste Management would like to help educate the residents on the “how’s and the why’s” of recycling, and get them directly involved in the educational activities and games.

Ms. Barthel stated that Waste Management has a recycling robot called **Cycler** that is remotely controlled and operated. Cycler the recycling robot will be part of the presentation, discussion, and game and activity interaction with residents.

Ms. Barthel stated that the presentation would require about 25 minutes, however they can present in anyway necessary depending on how the day is progressing. Waste Management will be present the entire time of Earth Day Celebration.

Ms. Barthel stated that if it would rain the day of the event the recycling robot will not be present, but all other activities will resume.

Ms. Barthel advised the EAC that she will be participating at an indoor community day event at Lower Macungie Township Community Center on May 7, 2013 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the recycling robot will be present at this event.

Discussion ensued in regards to different disposals of trash, recycling, e-cycling, and hazardous wastes. It was advised what Waste Management will accept and some different stores will take specific light bulbs, batteries, etc.

Ms. Sopka stated that Lindberg Park is secured for the **Earth Day Celebration Event** on May 18, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Discussion ensued about the events agenda, presentations and advertising.

Mr. Ulery stated that Mr. Brian Delphus, Liaison for all the Bird Towns, will be providing an introductory presentation and educate the residents and public about Bird Town. The goal is to draw the interest of residents who are passionate about birds and birding into joining this program.

Mr. Ulery stated that the PA Bird Town Audubon will have a 20 minute presentation. Mr. Ulery stated that they will also speak about native plants. Ms. Benning believes that health lawn maintenance overlays with attracting birds. Mr. Ulery suggested Ms. Benning focus on presenting natural lawn care and ways to avoid using pesticides as it is a threat to birds. Ms. Benning stated that she has been in communication with Erin from the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Extension and that they could have a master gardener provide a natural lawn care presentation. Mrs. Benning will inquire if literature and soil testing kits could be presented and made available.

The Lindberg Master plan was discussed briefly. Mr. Soriano allowed Mr. Ulery's inquiry about the Lindberg Master Site Plan map being shown at the event for interested residents.

Discussion on Environmental Zoning Amendments and if there are any comments to the Planning Commission.

The EAC reviewed different sections of the environmental portion of the zoning and were asked to make recommendations to the Planning Commission based on their research and findings. These recommendations will be reviewed and discussed by the Planning Commission. Each member had a specific area to review from tree removal/harvesting and replanting, steep slopes, solar energy, windmill vs. wind turbines, and agricultural, etc. The members referenced different municipalities in which they thought was more conscience and had a better understanding of the zoning.

Additional Information

Mr. Ulery advised that a workshop will be performed on "Designing with Natives in Your Own Backyard" by Mr. John Rodgers of the **Audubon Bird Town Program**. He stated that it is this local area and there are six slots available for the Salisbury Township EAC. This workshop is scheduled for Sunday, March 10, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each person that participates in the workshop will receive a copy of his book "Designing with Natives".

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Environmental zoning recommendations for the Planning Commission.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, to adjourn the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting. All in favor.