

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 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: Kreg Ulery, Glenn Miller, Jane Benning, Andy Boyer, representative for Sandra Thomas, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, BOC liaison, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Task Force member: Robert Agonis. Committee members not present: Mary Ann Stinner, Sandra Thomas, Joseph Hebelka Planning Commission Representative, and Randy Soriano, Township Manager (excused).

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

Mr. Ulery 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. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Benning, to approve the February 19, 2014 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 on the creation of educational flyers regarding street tree project will remain on hold and as old business until all information and planning is completed for the Earth Fair Celebration.

2014 Earth Fair Celebration update.

Ms. Benning has reached out to the Girl Scouts. She spoke with the Girl Scout leader in regards to maybe a special badge if the girls would participate in this event. She will follow up.

New Business

The Planning Commission is requesting the EAC evaluate the Zoning Amendment relative to Woodland Protection. This is a new addition to the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Sopka provided a copy of this Ordinance to each member for review.

Salisbury Township Advertising Map Project.

Mr. Agonis advocated for the EAC to get involved with providing information on the advertising map project associated with our environment. Mr. Agonis has a copy of an old advertising map for guidance. He stated that in viewing this map it will help give an idea of what the EAC can put on it. He advised that there is no timeline as of now, that they cannot move forward until the new zoning map is completed and adopted. This is done at no cost to the Township because the company that makes the map solicits the advertising. It was suggested to make reference to Bird Town, the Township's historic buildings and parks.

Salisbury Township Storm Water Basin Retrofit Project.

Ms. Sopka provided a summary of this project within the agenda. The EAC will be responsible for the environmental education aspect of the project as well as assist with plantings and monitoring the basin throughout the season. The projects should commence during the summer months.

Ms. Sopka stated that the timeline, as of now, on the detention basin has a design of original detention basin depth. This was sent to Mr. Dave Tetterer, Township Engineer, and he is digitizing it and should be finished by the end of April.

Preparation of the proposed 2014 Earth Day Celebration:

The members discussed the details and items that they will need for the event. They will have a 9 a.m. set up time. There will be a children's table with games.

Mr. Ulery stated that he would get Bird Town roads signs and the Audubon Bird Town Banners. Salisbury Township Recycling containers will be brought in for sale.

Ms. Sopka stated that she would get a copy of the Lindberg Park Master Site Plan for review and residents can see what is being proposed.

The event has been advertised in the Salisbury Press, website and an email sent to all residents. The EAC invited the school district for the encouragement of children attending the event. An email was sent to the Superintendent by Ms. Sopka.

Additional Information

Allentown Public Library:

Mike McGrath will be making a presentation regarding "You Bet Your Garden" on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. This event is free.

Lehigh Valley Health Network's (LVHN) Earth Week for 2014:

Monday, April 21, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Auditorium 17th Street Campus

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ECCA Muhlenberg Campus

Thursday, April 24, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mack Campus

Friday, April 25, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in ECC 5 at Cedar Crest Campus

Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition event coupled with a native plant sale at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethlehem in May. The presentations will be about planting for natives and everyone that signs up and joins this workshop gets a \$10 gift card to buy plants. Please see the Bird Town website for more information.

Penn State Master Watershed Steward Program – volunteers are needed:

The program in the Lehigh and Northampton Counties will train a new class of volunteers this spring with the interest in the environment. The application is available for download on the Salisbury Township Website under "News" or contact Erin Frederick at PSU at 610-391-9840 or elf145@psu.edu.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Earth Day Event

Adjournment

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