

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 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: Mary Ann Stinner, Jane Benning, Kreg Ulery, Sandra Thomas, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Glenn Miller, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative and Randy Soriano, Township Manager were (excused) not present.

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 Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, to approve the February 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

Ms. Sopka stated each member had a respective title for the **Earth Day Celebration**. An Event Planning Guideline is provided. Together the members reviewed the guidelines and what they would like to accomplish. The members discussed advertising and the items necessary. Each presenter will have about 20 minutes to present their presentation and 10 minutes of interaction. Commissioner Ackerman recommended a suggestion form for the participants to get back feed.

The members discussed the order of the Earth Day Agenda. The agenda will begin with composting, naturalization of lawn and soil care, Bird Town, and recycling.

Commissioner Ackerman stated that she would like recycling bins put in all the Township Parks.

A copy of the Lindberg Master Site Plan will be posted for viewing at the Earth Day Celebration.

New Business

Discussion on environmental zoning amendments and if there will be any comments to the Planning Commission. Ms. Sopka stated. Ms. Benning provided Ms. Sopka with her process on evaluating tree cutting. Mr. Ulery provided recommendations to wind turbine and his references. Mrs. Stinner provided information on steep slopes. Ms. Sopka stated that she will coordinate this information together to provide to the Planning Commission.

The Bird Town workshop that Mr. John Rogers presented on Saturday March 10, 2013 was reported on.

Ms. Sopka provided the EAC with correspondence from LCCD (Lehigh County Conservation District) for participation and funding for the 2013 Envirothon. The LCCD will conduct two local events for high school and middle school students. The Envirothon is an outdoor academic event designed to test students' knowledge and understanding in five subjects areas: aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and a current environmental issue. If you are interested in volunteering contact Ms. Laura Hopek at 610-391-9583 extension 25 or LHopek@LehighConservation.org.

Ms. Sopka provided a press release for the Growing Greener Grant for the retrofit of the storm water detention basin located next to the Salisbury Township Municipal Building.

Additional Information

Salisbury Township Volunteer Recognition Nomination form has been provided. The Township recognizes individuals who have dedicated their time and energy as they partake in working toward an improved quality of life for the residents of Salisbury Township.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Adjournment

The Environmental Advisory Committee motioned to adjourn the Meeting. Meeting adjourned. All in favor.