

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2013**

A Public Meeting was held at Lindberg Park on the above date at a Salisbury Township Public Park located on Lindberg 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 Anne Stinner, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Sandra Thomas and Randy Soriano, Township Manager were (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 Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, to approve the April 17, 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 (cancelled), Planning and Board of Commissioners Meetings for the month.

Old Business

New Business

Ms. Katherine Velekei, Sustainability Specialist with Lehigh Valley Health Network. Ms. Velekei is present to get educated and improve the hospital's recycling program. Mr. Hebelka stated to improve is to educate staff, contractors, etc. She stated that infectious waste is not recycled; it is steamed sterilized and then disposed.

Pharmaceuticals disposal under hospice care was discussed. This is a concern because the medications are flushed down the toilet in the patients' home. When doing this, the water ways become contaminated and the water treatment plants cannot actually remove or treat the pharmaceuticals. They are then passed into our drinking water and into our aquatic ecosystem which has an impact on aquatic life.

Ms. Velekei advised that the hospital is researching better ways to dispose of these medications and referenced a "cactus sink". The medications would be disposed of in the cactus sink and the pad that is placed within will soak up the medication and then dispose the pad. Ms. Velekei stated that this would be look into.

Mr. Hebelka stated that they are trying to do an outreach program where the hospital can drop it off to a take-back drug station's that is provided twice a year. Mr. Hebelka referenced a few other issues, i.e., the

Philadelphia Water Department has been experiencing issues with patients undergoing thyroid treatment from home and the medication is ending up in their water ways. The way medication is being disposed of is becoming a concern, so most police stations will take back drugs year round. Mr. Hebelka will get this information together and provide to Ms. Velekei.

Mr. Miller stated that he believes the EAC and LVHN can work together. It was suggested that the hospital sponsor a recycling drop off.

The members discussed the preparation for the **Earth Day Celebration**. They designed how the area would be presented, the formal presentation location, the orientation of the tables for proper viewing and discussion. The Department of Public Works (DPW) will be delivering fifteen 32 gallon recycling bins. There will be a child table with games and arts and crafts. Ms. Sopka advised that she touched base with WFMZ, the Morning Call, Salisbury Press, the School District, Township website, etc. for advertising.

Diane Lewis, City of Allentown, contacted Ms. Sopka and stated that she is working on a grant for water supply signage's. She asked if she could participate in the Earth Day Event and distribute signs/information.

Additional Information

Education session presented by the Emmaus and Upper Milford Joint EAC partnering with the Wildlands Conservancy.

Session 3: Today's Landscape Uses and Values
From biking to hiking, from water to biodiversity
Where: Emmaus High School Multimedia Room
When: Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 7 to 9 p.m.

Session 4: From the Mountain to our Backyards
Bringing nature to our yards and parks
Where: Upper Milford Township Auditorium
When: Tuesday, June 18, 2013, 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information visit: <http://emmausuppermilfordeac.blogspot.com>

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Adjournment

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