

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 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: Jane Benning, Mary Ann Stinner, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative; Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, BOC liaison, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Task Force member: Robert Agonis. Committee members not present: Kreg Ulery, Glenn Miller, Sandra Thomas, and Randy Soriano, Township Manager (excused).

Ms. Sopka called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Ms. Sopka 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.

Ms. Sopka stated that there is no quorum for this meeting therefore they will meet as a workshop.

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Motion will not be made at this time as there is no quorum. The meeting will continue as a workshop.

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

New Business

Start work on the Township Map that includes information/recommendations on the back of the map. There is an opportunity for the EAC to place relevant information to property owners on various subjects. This will be discussed and determined.

Ms. Sopka stated that since school is not in session at this time the EAC should discuss and prepare the considered riparian buffer/ habitat project in accordance with the PA Audubon Bird Town and Salisbury Township School District.

Commissioner Ackerman discussed the Bird Town sign placement. The Salisbury Township parks are chosen. Lindberg, Franko and Walking Purchase Park are three parks that are considered. The EAC would like to place a sign at the administration building as well. It was noted that you cannot place these signs on any state roads.

It was noted that the Bird Town and Tree USA, which is a tree city, can be recognized through Arbor Day.

The EAC discussed promoting the EAC website as the place to go for helpful information. Some of the recommendations are invasive plant species, appropriate street trees for plantings, recycling, local and state community events, the Back Yard Stewardship link, the Audubon has a Citizen Stewardship link, and back yard information.

Mr. Hebelka stated that Salisbury Township is an MS4 community and is required to do public education and outreach which basically addresses and introduces non-storm water dog ways, fertilizers, proper discarding of vehicle motor oil, etc. Mr. Hebelka stated that the concept is to collect and discharge storm water only.

Mr. Hebelka also stated to have resourceful links noted on the webpage to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Wildland's Conservancy, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and local organizations. They discussed putting pictorials on the website, e.g., a picture of both a compromised and remediated riparian buffer/bank. This will give individuals a visual of the before and after effects and show the health of it.

Additional Information

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Advertising Map

Adjournment

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