

**Salisbury Township  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 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, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative; Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, BOC liaison, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Task Force member: Robert Agonis. Not present was Jane Benning, Mary Anne Stinner, Sandra Thomas, 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.

Ms. Sopka stated that for this EAC meeting dated August 20, 2014, there is no quorum; therefore the attendees had a **workshop meeting**.

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Minutes will be approved at the next scheduled EAC meeting as there is no quorum.

**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**

The members discussed and evaluated the vegetation located around and in the Salisbury Township Municipality's storm water detention basin.

Mr. Ulery stated that they need to review the plans of the construction of the detention basin. Ms. Sopka stated that this is being funded through the growing greener grant. The timeline deadline is 2016. Ms. Sopka stated that she spoke with Mr. John Andreas, the Director of Public Works and it was stated that they have all the proper equipment necessary to work on this project.

Ms. Sopka stated that she has been in communication with Ms. Erin Fredericks; she is part of the Masters Gardeners Program and watershed stewards. She also stated that **Ms. Laura Hopek** of the Lehigh County Conservation District (LCCD) offered to have the water shed stewards to come in and assist with this project. She also offered to work with the EAC with respect to the MS4 educational components. Ms. Sopka stated that she would like to educate our residents. The EAC may be playing a key role in the education of residents about the stormwater runoff. The MS4 program is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection, which has a federal oversight from the Environmental Protection Agency. The EAC discussed how to provide residents the education and how to make it appealing. Commissioner Ackerman suggested picking one topic each month and having each specific topic put in the paper.

Ms. Sopka stated that she came across a small project grant with **WREN** that she believes comes forth in September 2014. The grant is about a \$5,000 with a 15 percent match. She stated that this small project

along Trout Creek would be perfect to work with the school district. She will work on this grant and meet with the school district.

EAC talked about doing a rain barrel event. They spoke about storm water and weed spray that individuals put on their lawns. These chemicals end up in the streams.

**Additional Information**

Friends of Allentown Park have an event on September 27, 2014 for National Public Lands Day. The event will take place at Trexler Memorial Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed. They will discuss creation of pollinated gardens, creation of bird habitat, enhance riparian buffers, and removal of invasive species, etc.

**Public Comments**

None

**Agenda for Next Meeting**

Advertising Map

**Adjournment**

The EAC motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned. All in favor.