

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

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.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mr. Ulery, to approve the October 16, 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 & New Business**

Continue discussion and planning for the scheduled 2014 Earth Fair Celebration.  
The fair will take place at Lindberg Park on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Considered Fair events:

- Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) invited to set up a table and/or presentation. To advise on healthcare and how the hospital works with sustainable energy.
- Waste Management on recycling. – Commissioner Ackerman
- Bird Town – Mr. Ulery
- Composting – Mrs. Stinner
- Children’s Game Tables – Ms. Thomas

Communication will be made to clarify that all individuals will participate in the event. This should be done by January 2014 EAC meeting.

Communication will continue to be made with:

- Salisbury Township School District – Ms. Sopka
- Arts Academy – Ms. Sopka
- Swain School – Mr. Ulery
- St. Thomas More – Mrs. Stinner
- Salisbury Youth Association (SYA) – Ms. Thomas
- Boy Scouts – Ms. Sopka
- Girl Scouts – Mrs. Benning
- Mountain Bikers – Ms. Sopka

### **Trout Creek Project to partner with the School District**

Mr. Ulery advised that he and Ms. Sopka met with the Salisbury Township School District Superintendent and Directors. A proposal to restore the riparian buffers of Trout Creek was presented. They inquired if the School District would like to be in partnership with the EAC in this type of project. The School District was very excited about the stream restoration project and offered their contacts and support. They are interested in having students work on real projects and they can see the different phases. This you cannot get in a classroom. It would be part of their curriculum. Ms. Sopka indicated we would be able to secure a grant writer to assist in the project. Both Township and School request the project would not be funded by tax payer dollars.

Mr. Ulery stated it is in their interest to have the community come together and know there is something they can participate with in the township. In addition, if Earth day takes off they would be thrilled to share their facilities with the EAC. They advised that the EAC could use their any of the school district parking lots to do community events, such as, a paper shredding event, battery recycling or electronic recycling, etc.

### **Additional Information**

Wildlife Art Exhibit at the Allentown Museum and will continue through December 29, 2013. It is original works of art which includes the Audubon. The art museum is free entry on Sunday.

There is a booklet called the Alliance for Sustainable Communities in the Lehigh Valley. You can receive information via email.

Audobon is having their Birdtown Summit in Audobon, PA, on December 14, 2013 from Noon until 2:30.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

Earth Day Event

### **Adjournment**

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