

Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council
November 17, 2010

Order of Business

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

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a. Bruce Burchard, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Louis Cinquino, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Jane Benning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Richard Niesenbaum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Joseph Hebelka (PC Rep)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Glenn Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Joanne Ackerman, (BOC liaison)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Cynthia Sopka (Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Randy Soriano (Township Manager)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Task Force Members

➤ Glenn Minnick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
➤ Samantha Dorney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
➤ Sandra Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3) Notifications:

- a. *All public sessions of the Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Committee regular meetings are electronically monitored (tape recorded) for the purpose of taking the Minutes. Public comment on agenda items will be entertained at the time the item is up for discussion; non-agenda related public comments will be entertained after the agenda*

4) Review of minutes of previous meeting and action thereon

- a. October 20, 2010

5) Report of officers and committees (include BOC, PC, Manager and/or Planning/Zoning)

- a. Zoning: 11/2/2010 Property of 2240 S. Ellsworth variance for accessory structures; 3028 Imperial Drive variance for back yard encroachment; other agenda item 1801 Broadway was continued to the December schedule.
- b. Planning: 11/9/2010 Comprehensive Plan Update and Sketch Plan review for Riverside Drive as St. Lukes Health Network alternate route
- c. Board of Commissioners Meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00

6) Old Business

- a. Glenn Miller indicated he will assist with communication with Abigail Pattishall regarding coordinating with our EAC to conduct educational workshops. Are there other topic areas beside: 1) trees effect on people and Lehigh County; 2) Riparian habitat restoration with focus on Trout Creek residents and School District.
- b. Interview/questionnaires for LCCD. Any more potential candidates?
- c. Comprehensive Plan Updates and the worksheet on 1992 Major Goals. Has any member of the EAC completed this, if so please forward your information to Cindy.

7) New Business

- a) [The Cora L. Brooks Foundation announces the availability of 2011 grants for watershed projects](#)

The Foundation provides annual, anonymous grants for the purpose of environmental conservation, restoration or education within the watersheds of the **Delaware** and Susquehanna Rivers, with particular emphasis on environmental protection issues relating to clean water and water related ecologies.

Grant amounts range from \$1,000-\$15,000 and may be used for a variety of purposes including the need for matching funds. To apply for a grant, the organization must contact the Foundation **no later than December 20** to request an application package. The grant application itself is then **due on January 10**. Grant notifications and awards are mailed in late May, 2011. For further information, please consult www.foundationoffices.org (**forgive the out-of-date deadlines, the site is being updated**) or call 610-954-7737.

- b) PADEP is accepting applications for Environmental Education Grants – copy of the application is included with the agenda in pdf format. The deadline to apply is December 17, 2010. If interested the EAC would need to consider a project of focus. The grant is intended to provide funding supporting environmental education in areas such as:
 - i. Sustainable energy sources and technologies including solar, wind hydro, microhydro, biomass, geothermal, alternative transportation fuels and energy efficiency and conservation;
 - ii. Watersheds and wetlands, focusing on abating abandoned mine drainage, reducing non-point source pollution and enhancing water conservation;
 - iii. Air quality with focus on improvements in transportation and electric generation to reduce ground level ozone or smog;
 - iv. Carbon Capture and storage including terrestrial sequestration and climate change.

Link for the site is:

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/environmental_education/13903/grants/588549

- a. **November 16, 2010 Lehigh Valley Greenways Land Use Workshop located at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center in Slatington, PA; time from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.** DCNR/Jacobsburg EE Center will be partnering with the Lehigh Gap Nature Center in offering teachers and participants from the general public to learn about municipal land development and land preservation processes. There will be a joint presentation between Cynthia Sopka and Rebecca Kennedy regarding Salisbury Township's Natural Resource Inventory.

- b. **Walking Purchase Park Riverside Drive Cleanup Event Scheduled for November 13, 2010 starting at 9:00 AM until possibly 12 or 1 PM.** The focus will be along Riverside Drive (river to the roadway); the Quarry along Constitution Drive and the base of the slope off Constitution Drive with assistance from Norfolk Southern Railroad Personnel.
If you want to help please contact Cynthia Sopka 610-797-4000 ext. 231/ 484-550-8259 or Virginia Savage 610-782-3809 or 484-764-8085

- 6) **The EAC Bylaws in Article VII** provides information for the duties of the Environmental Advisory Council Members. I am attaching a copy of the Bylaws electronically for your review. I would ask you to review Article VII item (b) regarding preparation of the Annual Report. Since we are now in November this is a project we need to address along with any future projects of focus.

7) **Public Comments**

8) **Agenda for next meeting**

9) **Adjournment**

Section 2 – A motion from the floor must be made and passed in order to dispense with any item on the agenda

INFORMATION ON OTHER EAC'S:

- The Upper Milford/Emmaus EAC meets every 4th Monday of the month at 7PM and also has information posted on the website of Upper Milford.
- The Allentown EAC meets every 2nd Monday of the month from 5:15 PM to 7:15 PM on the 3rd floor of the City offices.
- The Upper Saucon EAC meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month and starts at 6:00 PM.
- The Whitehall Township EAC meets the 2nd Thursday of each month and starts at 7:00 PM.