

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2012**

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 (late) Jane Benning, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Louis Cinquino, Mary Ann Stinner, Bruce Burchard, and Randy Soriano, Township Manager (excused) were not present. Special Task Force members: Glenn Minnick, Samantha Dorney and Sandra Thomas (excused) were not present.

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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Ms. Sopka stated that since there is no quorum they are unable to take action regarding the December 21, 2011 minutes.

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

Ms. Sopka stated that the **Audubon Pennsylvania Bird Town** will be placed on hold until February 2012. Ms. Sopka stated that at the next February meeting Ms. Karen El Chaar, Friends of Allentown Park, will join the EAC to discuss and address the Bird Town USA project.

New Business

The **election of officers** cannot be conducted due to the fact that there is no quorum.

The **annual report finalization** will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting.

The **Comprehensive Plan** draft document was presented at the Planning Commission Meeting on January 10, 2012 and will be placed on the website the week of January 23, 2012. Ms. Sopka stated that there will be two additional public meetings. Ms. Sopka asked that the EAC continue to review the plan for additional comments necessary and presented them at the next public meeting.

Ms. Sopka stated that she has a scheduled meeting with the Salisbury Township School District on January 24, 2012 to discuss future coordination of efforts for joint projects associated with the environment and educational possibilities. Mr. Lou Cinquino and Mr. Glenn Miller, members of the EAC,

will accompany her to the meeting. Ms. Sopka stated that the school district has a well educated science department and believes that the Superintendent can guide the EAC to the teachers that would like to involve their students with projects.

Mr. Hebelka stated that one of his work projects is working with school districts on he is working on storm water BMP's. He stated that they try to target schools that have frontage along streams. Mr. Hebelka stated that he would provide Ms. Sopka with information to present at her January 24, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Hebelka advised that DCNR is having a PA Community Forestry Lunchtime Webinar that will be held on February 7, 2012 at 12:00pm regarding TreeVitalize: Helping Communities Increase Tree Canopy Cover. If interested, please joint at <https://meeting.psu.edu/pacommunityforestry>.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Adjournment

The EAC voted to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.