

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 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, Mary Ann Stinner, Jane Benning, Kreg Ulery, Bruce Burchard, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC and Randy Soriano, Township Manager. Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative (excused) was not present.

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Miller 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. Burchard, to approve the February 15, 2012 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 Business

Ms. Sopka reminded the EAC if they have any comments to the draft of the **Comprehensive Plan**, now is the time to make them. A small discussion ensued and Mr. Miller stated that he would send a request, on behalf of the members of the EAC, that the specific language in the environmental portion that was removed from the Comprehensive Plan be re-documented.

Ms. Sopka stated that she is working on the **Audubon Pennsylvania Bird Town** application. She offered that she is evaluating the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) as a supportive document because there are specific recommendations that are applicable to this application. Small discussion ensued about a community festival/event at Franko Park. Mrs. Stinner recommended the festival should have a yearly rotation between the east and the west side of the township.

New Business

The EAC introduced and welcomed the newest EAC member, **Mr. Kreg Ulery**. He offered that he has been a resident for over 25 years and has an engineering degree. He and his wife are members of the Wildlands Conservancy, Sierra Club and Sustainable Living and Agricultural Association. He also offered that he enjoys gardening and photography.

Lindberg Park Master Site Development Plan. Mr. Soriano stated that DCNR had contacted him stating the Salisbury Township received the C2P2 grant in the amount of \$44,800, to be split equally

(50/50) between the state and township. A waiver request was submitted and approved to allow Urban Research Development Corporation (URDC) to be the township consultant for the development.

One major component with this scope of work is community participation, with that; a Key Study Committee is being developed. This committee will meet with URDC consultants for monthly meetings. These meetings will also include the Recreation Committee. Both the Recreation Committee and Key Study Committee will act as a sounding board for the development plan of Lindberg Park.

Mr. Soriano requested that one EAC member be part of the Key Study Committee as the EAC liaison. He stated that a formal motion is required to appoint an EAC member to the Key Study Committee for the Lindberg Master Site Plan neighborhood connection study. Mr. Miller offered his interest.

Mr. Soriano is going to present this to the Board of Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Burchard, seconded by Mr. Ulery, to appoint Mr. Glenn Miller as the EAC liaison on the Key Study Committee for the Lindberg Park Master Site Plan neighborhood connection study with Urban Research Development Corporation (URDC) as the Consultant. Mrs. Mary Ann Stinner is appointed as the alternative EAC liaison. All in favor.

Upper Milford and Emmaus EAC are hosting an **Earth Day cleanup and electronic recycling event** at the Emmaus Community Park on April 21, 2012, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Friends of Allentown Parks and Blue Mountain Zendo are sponsoring a **cleanup at Walking Purchase Park** on April 28, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Burchard advised Ms. Sopka that he received information on cameras for Walking Purchase Park. He stated each camera has different perks depending on the fee. The cameras work well for safety purposes.

Public Comments

Ms. Janet Keim, Township resident, offered new information on legislation supported by Senator Mensch that would remove existing stream buffer requirements that was introduced on February 29, 2012. This information was brought to her attention by the states Clean Water Act Committee of Philadelphia. A small discussion ensued and she provided the EAC this information.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Riparian Buffers (Senate Bill #1380)

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Benning, the meeting was adjourned. All in favor.