

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 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, Kreg Ulery, Bruce Burchard (late), Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative; Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC and Randy Soriano, Township Manager. Mary Ann Stinner and Commissioner Joanne Ackerman (excused) were not present. Special Task Force member: Sandra Thomas (excused) was 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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Motion was made by Mr. Burchard, seconded by Mrs. Benning, to approve the March 21, 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 stated that she will be finalizing the Audubon Pennsylvania Bird Town application and will submit via email to each EAC member for review and finalization.

New Business

Review of legislation Senate Bill #1380 regarding riparian buffers and water quality impacts are placed on hold for discussion until each member is present.

Upper Milford and Emmaus EAC is hosting an **Earth Day Cleanup Event** and Electronic Recycling at the Emmaus Community Park on April 21, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. There is a fee for the recycling of electronics.

Friends of Allentown Parks and Blue Mountain Zendo are sponsoring a **Walking Purchase Park Cleanup** on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Commissioner Joanne Ackerman coordinated with Waste Management to present to the EAC at the May 16, 2012 meeting. Ms. Sopka stated that they will address educational components with respect to recycling and proper disposal.

Great American Cleanup of PA registration is now open for 2012. You can visit the Great American Cleanup website to register your event, find an event near you or inquire for additional resources. Any

questions can be answered by Michelle Dunn, Great American Cleanup of PA Program Coordinator at 1-877-772-3673 ext. 113 or email to: mdunn@keepabepbeautiful.org.

Mrs. Benning inquired about open **fire pit burning**. Mrs. Sopka stated that small fire pits are allowed as it is recreational burning. No refuse burning is allowed. Mr. Soriano will look into this further and can be discussed at the next meeting. Any concerns should be addressed to the Code Enforcement Officer. Ms. Sopka stated that WFMZ News has been advocating daily no burning due to the extreme dry weather.

Mrs. Benning inquired if Guinea Hens are allowed on residential property. She is considering purchasing Guinea Hens as they eat ticks. Mrs. Sopka stated that chickens or fowl are allowed however there is a minimum of how many are allowed on specific acreage. This information can be found in our Codified Ordinance.

Mr. Hebelka spoke of the **Take Back Drug Program** that will be held Saturday, April 28, 2012. This program keeps prescription drugs out of the water and sanitary sewer systems.

Philadelphia Clean Water documentary approach program will be on Philadelphia PBS WHYY television on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. This documentary will advise on managing runoff and beautifying neighbors, etc.

Mr. Burchard presented a motion camera that could be used for Walking Purchase Park. The camera(s) could be beneficial in the tracking of illegal dumping. He reviewed the different types of camera from battery operated to solar, set time frames of pictures taken and the different placement positions. It was also noted that wildlife will trip the camera and pictures will be taken.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Adjournment

On motion of the EAC, the meeting was adjourned. All in favor.