

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2011**

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, Jane Benning, Mary Ann Stinner, Bruce Burchard, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative, Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC and Randy Soriano, Township Manager. Louise Cinquino (excused) was not present. Special Task Force members: Glenn Minnick, Samantha Dorney and Sandra Thomas were 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 (EAC) 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 April 20, 2011 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes as submitted. 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

Comprehensive Plan Update will initiate public participation in a public meeting forum held on April 26, 2011 starting at 6:30 PM. Ms. Sopka advised that it has been advertised in the Salisbury Press, Salisbury Patch, the School Districts website, the Township website and utility bill.

New Business

Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) report update with Rebecca Kennedy and Erin Frederick of the Lehigh County Conservation District (LCCD). Ms. Kennedy stated that all EAC comments have been received and considered, and a group meeting would be beneficial for discussion of a revised draft. She stated that they summarized the format in a more simple/layman level. She reviewed the changes by using bullet points, creating summarizations i.e. amphibian studies, the map locations and map layout changes showing progression that include a narrative, etc. Ms. Kennedy stated that the invasive plant control strategies research and information changes dramatically; therefore she provided the link to Penn State University and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). She stated that the Township needs to consult with an expert before taking on any invasive plant control projects. The protection of Trout creek was discussed and it will be noted that it is part of the Little Lehigh

watershed. She stated that they also defined the Township owned parks and the public school properties.

Ms. Frederick stated that there was a request for the NRI to be used as an education tool. She explained the NRI and its design which is used for Zoning, SALDO and Comprehensive Plans. Mr. Soriano stated that the LCCD's work is essential for making recommendation to the Board of Commissioners and the purpose of this document is to aid the Comprehensive Plan.

Lindberg Park Master Site Plan. Mr. Soriano stated if the grant is received cooperation will be needed from the EAC and Recreation Committee. Their feedback is essential on green initiatives and sustainability, and how to apply reusable resources and make the park more natural. A small discussion continued about the grant and the future development of all Township Parks.

Walking Purchase Park Cleanup is scheduled for April 30, 2011. Ms. Sopka stated the area from the first cleanup has new debris. Volunteers are needed for this project.

Ms. Sopka discussed compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and the impact it has on the environment. Ms. Sopka stated that she believes this would be a good project to consider. She stated that most of the general population is not aware that CFL bulbs are to be recycled because of the mercury content. The following local companies are involved with reclaiming and recycling CFL bulbs:

1. AERC Recycling Solutions, 2591 Mitchell Ave. Allentown, PA 18103, 610-797-7608, www.aercrecycling.com
2. Bethlehem Lamp Recycling, 935 Bethlehem Dr. Bethlehem, PA 18017 610-838-7034, www.bethlehemlamprecycling.com
3. Local Home Depot has a special area for drop off.

Discussion continued regarding educating the residents of the township on environmental issues. Mr. Soriano stated to have an EAC section on the website. Ms. Sopka suggested a Facebook page and adding links. Mr. Hebelka stated to first gather topics of interest, events and how to disseminate it.

Mrs. Ackerman stated that she and Ms. Stinner have been working on the **composting** project. She has been in contact with consultants from Penn State and has been trying to locate containers at a reasonable cost. She stated that they are in the process of making arrangements with a consultant to do an education seminar at Green Acres Park for the residents of the township.

Ms. Sopka reviewed upcoming events and announcements:

1. **Lehigh Valley Clean Water Summit** to be conducted on May 21, 2011 at Bangor Area High School, Upper Bethel starting 8 AM to 3 PM.
2. **Prescription Drug Disposal** Even is Saturday, April 30th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Salisbury Township Police Department is participating.

Mrs. Ackerman and Ms. Stinner updated the EAC about the Rain Barrel Workshop they attended on April 20, 2011 at Lone Lane Park. She stated Lehigh County Authority and Coca-Cola sponsor this workshop. Coca-Cola donates the 65 gallon drums; the materials needed for fabrication and explains how to turn the drum into a rain barrel to each individual.

Mr. Hebelka stated that what the general public needs to know is the rain barrels help with stormwater which is Pennsylvania's largest pollution water problem. Mrs. Ackerman stated that they also explained how it saves water running into the street and entering the sewer system. It saves money when watering grass or gardens. However, during the winter months it must be disconnected.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Topics of interest.

EAC advertising.

Composting Workshop

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. All in favor.