

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2010**

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: Bruce Burchard, Louis Cinquino (late), Jane Benning, Glenn Miller, Commissioner James Brown, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Richard Niesenbaum and Randy Soriano, Township Manager, provided notice they would not be present. Special Task Force members in attendance: Joanne Ackerman; Samantha Dorney, Glenn Minnick and Sandra Thomas were not present.

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

Mr. Burchard 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 to approve the March 17, 2010 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller. All in favor.

Report of Officers and Committees (including BOC, PC, Manager and/or Planning/Zoning)

Ms. Sopka highlighted the Zoning and Planning Meetings for the month. There was no Zoning meeting.

The Planning Meeting had two items on the Agenda. **Re-Subdivision for 833 Yorkshire Road** was tabled until May for the decision to change the lot line adjustment. The Final Land Development Plan for **Uhl Major Subdivision located at 3109 Birchwood Drive** was tabled until May for residential lots.

Commissioner Brown stated that the Board of Commissioners meeting will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow for a public meeting on the ATV Ordinance. The regular scheduled meeting will then take place at 7 p.m.

Old Business

Discussion occurred on the **Walking Purchase Park** hike of March 27, 2010 and its future development.

Ms. Sopka stated that when hiking in Walking Purchase Park, they looked for areas to plant the seedlings. She stated that the area of consideration is owned by the City of Allentown, whom she contacted and has received permission to plant.

Discussion continued on joint ownership of the Walking Purchase Park, its regional master plan, a possible cleanup, and educating and requesting participation from the surrounding homeowners of the park. In this, Ms. Sopka stated that the Lehigh County Conservation District would like to schedule a public meeting regarding the **Natural Resource Inventory** on June 16, 2010, which is the regular scheduled EAC meeting. This meeting is to help educate property owners about natural resources and the purpose of the inventory.

Ms. Sopka provided an update on the **Tree and Shrub Seedling** project. She stated that the seedlings have been delivered and are being taken care of. Ms. Sopka stated that Mr. Minnich has been waiting on communication from Juvenile Probation Services to coordinate a planting date. Ms. Sopka has also been in communication with Mr. John Andreas, Director of Public Works for assistance and coordination.

New Business

Update of the first NRI meeting on April 14, 2010. Mr. Cinquino stated that he, Mr. Minnick, Dr. Niesenbaum and Ms. Sopka attended the meeting with Mr. Tim Dugan and Mr. Bill Sweeney of DCNR, and Ms. Rebecca Kennedy and Erin Frederick of LCCD. The discussion covered a broad approach of the first stages of the NRI, which included access of different areas and visual assessments. The first stage is mainly for trained individuals looking for specific botany, wildlife and habitats. The Natural Resource Inventory Team anticipates fieldwork to continue into the fall months, followed with analysis and report preparation during winter.

There was discussion in regard to the outcome of the Natural Resource Inventory which will include factual data, analysis of the environment in conjunction with recommendations. There was additional discussion regarding the use of the final report, such as obtaining the Board of Commissioners support for the data as a means of incorporating recommendations possibly into The Comprehensive Plan update and additional Ordinance amendments in Zoning and SALDO.

Support letter to the Board of Commissioners was reviewed and formalization will be done by Ms. Sopka. Commissioner Brown stated that there was a meeting with the Salisbury School District and he could only offer that it continues to be a work in progress.

A discussion concluded with participation in cleanup programs and planning for next year. Mr. Sopka stated that she has been cleaning up a small area behind her home. Mr. Burchard spoke of areas of concern at Walking Purchase Park which need to be cleaned. Ms. Ackerman stated that the Canoe Club wanted to do a cleanup in an area that belongs to the railroad, Norfolk Southern. Ms. Sopka stated that she has made contact to Norfolk Southern and was advised that this is part of the Great American Rivers Cleanup Program, and there are waivers to sign for cleanup approval.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Adjournment

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