

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 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, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Bruce Burchard, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative and Randy Soriano, Township Manager (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 Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, to approve the May 16, 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/New Business

The members reviewed and discussed the Audubon Pennsylvania Bird Town application for finalization. Mr. Miller inquired if introductory information could be submitted to the Board of Commissioners prior to placing their request on the agenda. Ms. Sopka stated to provide a mission statement advising the EAC goals and objectives, education and participation, which will help unify the Township.

Mr. Ulery suggested the EAC consider joining the Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition. He stated that they are a group of members that work around the Allentown Bird Town. These members consist of the Emmaus EAC, Upper Milford EAC, Long Swamp Township EAC and Lower Macungie EAC. He believes they would be happy to have Salisbury Township EAC join them. Mr. Ulery stated that they have an early bird education event and community events. He has made communication with the Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition and is awaiting a response. He stated there are no membership fees.

Through discussion the members expressed much interest in this program. Ms. Sopka suggested inviting Mr. Steve Saffier of Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition to an EAC meeting. Mrs. Ackerman inquired if this group would visit our parks and help develop and provide suggestions of plants for bird attraction and types of bird houses. Mr. Ulery stated that he would contact Mr. Saffier with an invitation to the July EAC meeting. The Audubon application will remain on hold until further information is received from the Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition.

Mrs. Ackerman inquired about the thoughts of the last meeting regarding recycling and the information Mr. Richard Smith of Green Star provided. Mrs. Ackerman would like to extend this information to the

residents of the Township. Ms. Sopka offered to place this type of information on the EAC webpage/Facebook.

The members discussed the summer schedule. Mrs. Stinner and Mrs. Ackerman would like to plan for a composting seminar in September. Mrs. Ackerman stated she will inquire about coordinating the composting seminar with Community Day at Green Acres Park.

Mrs. Ackerman and Mrs. Stinner also expressed educating the importance of grass recycling. Mrs. Ackerman stated for future projects each member should be responsible for different education events and/or workshops (e.g., recycling, e-cycling, composting, rain barrel, etc). The EAC members further discussed respective projects they would entertain such as:

1. Mr. Ulery will work on Bird Town
2. Mrs. Ackerman and Mrs. Stinner will work on composting/recycling
3. Mrs. Benning will help with composting/recycling
4. Mr. Miller will work on Hazardous Waste
5. Mrs. Benning will work on invasive plants

Information gathering regarding each area should be completed by the July meeting for additional discussion.

Mrs. Ackerman inquired once the recycling information is gathered can the EAC have an article written for resident education, for instance, Did You Know Article and have it put in the Salisbury Press or Salisbury Patch. Mr. Ulery suggested putting a brief summary on the utilities bill.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Most effective and less costly advertising for educational articles.
Respective projects.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mrs. Benning, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.