

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 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, Mary Ann Stinner, Jane Benning, Kreg Ulery, Bruce Burchard, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Special Task Force member: Sandra Thomas. Randy Soriano, Township Manager was (excused) 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 Mr. Burchard, seconded by Mrs. Stinner, to approve the June 20, 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 Planning and Board of Commissioners Meetings for the month. There was no meeting scheduled in June for Zoning.

Old Business

The members discussed the Audubon Pennsylvania Bird Town. The members spoke in regards to the pros and cons of joining the Audubon as opposed to the Lehigh Valley Bird Coalition. The Audubon annual fee was a concern. Ms. Sopka stated that being a member of the Audubon Pennsylvania Bird Town will give Salisbury Township a bird town status. This status allows for a better connection of circuitry and the township would be recognized. Being recognized would help bring in tourism for individuals that do bird watching.

Mr. Hebelka stated that the bird town is an extension of the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI).

Ms. Sopka stated if the members would like to precede, the information required and application must be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for final determination.

The members discussed the goals and initiatives of a Bird Town. Mr. Ulery stated that Mr. Steve Saffier of Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition, is willing to do a presentation at an EAC meeting but a date needs to be scheduled. He will inquire with Mr. Saffier on his availability.

Mr. Miller stated that he would work on the “What and Why” questions and explanations for the Board of Commissioners Bird Town presentation.

New Business

Discussion ensued regarding each members respective projects.

Mrs. Ackerman is interested in recycling and disposing of household hazardous wastes. She stated that she made communication with the individuals that organize Community Day at Green Acres Park. She believes that the EAC may have to provide these workshops/presentations individually. Mrs. Ackerman stated that Mr. Richard Smith of Green Star/Waste Management offered to do a presentation/workshop for the community.

Mrs. Ackerman suggested that the EAC schedule interested projects seminar dates for the 2013 year. This will help in preparation of arrangements, advertising, preparing the community for the event and present this to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Ms. Sopka stated to articulate each of their projects as it could be very extensive. The discussed having seminars or workshops and where they could take place. They members discussed using different parks on each end of the township. Church Bazaars were suggested along with a future Senior Day. Mr. Burchard stated to advertise through the papers, township and school district. The members discussed and scheduled tentative dates for different projects.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Prospective projects.

Adjournment

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