

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 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, Jane Benning, Richard Niesenbaum, Glenn Miller, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative, Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC and Randy Soriano, Township Manager. Commissioner James Brown (excused) was not present. Special Task Force members in attendance: Joanne Ackerman. Glenn Minnich, Samantha Dorney 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 Mr. Miller to approve the July 21, 2010 Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Benning. 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. The Planning meeting had no items on the Agenda.

The Zoning Meeting of August 3, 2010 had four items on the Agenda. (1) A continuation of an appeal of the Zoning Officer's enforcement letter for placement of a front yard deck at 1769 New York Avenue came into agreement to reduce the projection by 8 feet. (2) Fence height and placement for 1220 Maumee Avenue had to remove four feet of the fence and comply with height requirements for front yard fence. (3) The Zoning Hearing Board found in favor of the applicant for 1600 Riverside Drive whom challenged the ZO decision of medical detoxification facility (4) Variances were granted for 3070 Meadowbrook Circle home addition which encroaches into setbacks.

Ms. Sopka highlighted a special hearing that was conducted August 11, 2010 regarding 1275 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. regarding previous Variances afforded by The Zoning Hearing Board. All parties agreed to clarify the reasons for Variances and amended the decision that had to be submitted.

Old Business

Discussion for Walking Purchase Park Phase II Cleanup. Ms. Sopka stated that there are many organizations, groups, individuals, etc., involved and meetings are being conducted. Phase

II Cleanup is scheduled for November 13, 2010 from 9am to 1pm. This phase of the cleanup is focused on the riverside area/portion of Riverside Drive. Ms. Sopka stated that the City of Allentown is moving forward with placement of video surveillance cameras in that area. Many residents are offering their homes, garages, etc., for surveillance placement to help curtail the dumping.

New Business

Possible Interviews relative to NRI by LCCD. Ms. Rebecca Kennedy, Watershed Specialist with the (LCCD) Lehigh County Conservation District, provided an update and a summary of interview questions for residents interested in participating with the NRI Historical Survey. She stated that she would like the EAC members to carry out the interview process with any number of long time residents and provide this information to the LCCD.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the NRI fieldwork is coming to the completion process and she is ready to start documenting reports. She offered the EAC the process of past experiences with other Township NRI and the information that residents provided.

Inquiry was made about the invasive plants and Ms. Kennedy advised that in the NRI report will focus on the parks and the particular areas where the invasive plants are just beginning.

Ms. Sopka spoke of the Growing Green Grant for watershed and inquired if the Township could have a lead on this grant. Ms. Kennedy stated that she would assist the EAC in preparing a submission for the Township, for Trout Creek project, but approval needs to be obtained by the Board of Commissioners. She stated due to the time frame, the EAC and public works department would have to assist in gather information for this grant.

Allentown's South Mountain Stewardship Plan. Ms. Sopka has had communication with Dan Poresky from the Allentown EAC, and future meeting will be scheduled to work jointly with issues of South Mountain and Lehigh Mountain.

Tree Planting Program. Ms. Sopka advised that she has been in communication with Mr. Hassick and he will assist the EAC in the planting of the seedlings. He stated that the best time for planting would be October/November and offered to accompany Ms. Sopka to Franko Park or Walking Purchase Park for seed placement prior to the planting date.

Vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board for Ward 2. This information is provided on the Township Website.

Hazardous Waste Collection Program. This information is provided on the Township Website. The collection date is September 25, 2010 and pre-registration is required.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Steps that need to be taken for the "Growing Greener Grant".

Adjournment

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