

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 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: Louis Cinquino, Jane Benning, Glenn Miller, Joseph Hebelka, Planning Commission Representative, Commissioner Joanne Ackerman, Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC and Randy Soriano, Township Manager. Bruce Burchard and Richard Niesenbaum (excused) were 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 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. Cinquino, to approve the September 15, 2010 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 and Planning Meetings for the month with status updates.

Old Business

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) to conduct Educational Workshops Project. Ms. Sopka provided information regarding communication with Abigail Pattishall, Director of Rivers with Wildlands Conservancy with potential of Environmental Educational Workshops. Two topics were discussed by the EAC members such as trees and their effects on people in Lehigh County and the possible Riparian Habitat Restoration Project of an area of Trout Creek specifically on lands owned by the School District with incorporation of Salisbury Township students. Mr. Miller indicated he would like to work on the project.

New Business

The Board of Commissioners formally recognized the resignation of Mr. James Brown as the Board of Commissioner liaison to the EAC and approved the nomination of Ms. Joanne Ackerman as the Commissioner liaison.

Relative to the NRI, the LCCD inquired about the possibility of additional interviews regarding the questionnaire previously submitted for the NRI. Small discussion occurred about speaking to residents in certain locations.

The EAC was informed about upcoming projects specifically the update to the **Comprehensive Plan** of Salisbury Township. Comprehensive Plan Updates are held prior to the Planning

Commission meetings and may occur once every other month. Ms. Sopka indicated a presentation will be made at the Planning Commission meeting on November 9, 2010 beginning at 6:30. In addition a 1992 goals worksheet was provided to the EAC members as an opportunity to participate with any suggestions/comments and making notation if goals are appropriate and/or irrelevant.

Ms. Sopka stated that the Board of Commissioners approved consideration of request to participate in the **LVPC Access Management Technical Guidance**, and recently received notification of approval from LVPC. Ms. Sopka gave a brief summary of how they try to eliminate many access roads to a major thorough-fare away with a smart design that could relate to a land development, urban renewal or rehabilitation, etc. She offered to provide their web-link showing a detailed analysis of why this is done and what it entails.

Ms. Sopka stated that she has received Dr. Niesenbaum's formal resignation due to his conflicting schedule. Mr. Soriano advised the EAC that they need to make a formal request to the Board of Commissioners to accept his resignation and fill the vacancy. Discussion occurred on the process of new/potential applicants and the steps taken.

Ms. Sopka addressed the EAC about the November 16, 2010 **Lehigh Valley Greenways Land Use Workshop**, which educates individuals about municipal land development and the land preservation process. She stated that they asked her to attend as well as give a presentation about Salisbury Township and the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) however needed the approval from the EAC to act as a representative to the Salisbury Township EAC. All were in favor of the representation.

Walking Purchase Park Phase II Cleanup Event is scheduled for November 13, 2010 starting at 9:00 AM until 12 PM. The primary focus is along Riverside Drive and the riverbank. If there are enough volunteers, groups will be guided with personnel from Norfolk Southern Railroad because there is much debris over the embankment between the base of the mountain and railroad tracks. She stated that there will be a follow up meeting on October 29, 2010 to clarify the number of volunteers, groups/organization and donations.

Walking Purchase Park Master Plan. There was small discussion about the approvals required for this Plan and its process. Ms. Sopka stated that she would contact Lehigh County for a status update.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Walking Purchase Park Master Plan.

NRI status update of the documentation process.

Term limits expiring/BOC yearend report?

Adjournment

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