

Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council
May 18, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Order of Business

Call to Order

Roll Call

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• Kreg Ulery, Chair Person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Rodney Conn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Jane Benning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Mary Anne Stinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Karen El Chaar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Joanne Ackerman, (BOC liaison)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Cynthia Sopka (Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Robert Agonis (Task Force Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Katherine Velekei (Task Force Member)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notifications: *All public sessions of the Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Committee regular meetings are electronically monitored (tape recorded) for the purpose of taking the Minutes.*

Review/Approve Minutes:

Minutes from April 20, 2016

Report of officers and committees

1. Zoning Hearing Board 2460 Parkwood Drive, Allentown PA 18103 The Pidcock Company requested a variance from Section 307.2.C.d Table of Requirements to address a conflict in the Commercial District (C-1 zoning district relative to setbacks.) The Applicant requested an interpretation of the setbacks as they appeared in the 2014 Zoning Ordinance.
2. Planning: The meeting started early to address recommendations for Zoning Amendments; The Pidcock Engineering Company presented the Preliminary/Final Lot Consolidation of 2460 Parkwood Drive for final approval by the Planning Commissioners (was granted). The Planning Commissioners provided a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development of 2460 Parkwood Drive, Allentown PA. The Planning Commissioners approved the Preliminary/Final Minor Lot Subdivision of 2402 and 2410 South Filbert Street.
3. Board of Commissioners Meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00.

Old Business:

- The cleanup of Walking Purchase Park scheduled for Sunday April 24th, 2016 resulted in a large number of volunteers that started at 8:00 AM up to 12:00 PM. In addition the Faith Church provided additional volunteers who remained from 12 Noon up to or longer than 4:00 PM. The amount of illegally dumped materials, furniture, etc. filled up 2 ½ dumpsters. Due to the fact that the rail service prevented the early crew from getting to Riverside Drive complicated the cleanup of that portion of the park.

New Business:

- The Salisbury Township EAC would like to open discussion with residents regarding storm water issues. For additional information on MS4 projects or guidance please feel free to contact Sandy Nicolo MS4 coordinator for Salisbury Township at 610-797-4000 to express concerns, report an incident or just request more information.
1. Mr. Agonis provided a document that will be instrumental to address with the Board of Commissioners regarding Illegal Dumping. There are a few individuals within the EAC that did not get the opportunity to evaluate the document. This will be placed as an agenda item for June 2016.
 2. The Annual Cherry Blossom Festival slated for Saturday April 30, 2016 from 10:00 AM through 5:00 PM did have representation by the Salisbury Township EAC. We provided information that addressed MS4 criteria as well as provided educational brochures regarding storm water, rain gardens, rain barrels, etc.
 3. Karen ElChaar provided an additional opportunity for the STEAC to participate in an event featuring the 175th Anniversary Celebration of Bogerts Covered Bridge on Sunday June 12, 2016. I have communicated with the Master Watershed Stewards for this program but have not received any confirmation of their participation of this event.
 4. I am taking this opportunity to discuss the protocol as an EAC representative since we are governed by a set of bylaws. The EAC is organized under these bylaws that provide the EAC to have power to study environmental issues at the REQUEST of the Board of Commissioners. The EAC will work with the BOC in an ADVISORY capacity in an effort to help them analyze environmental issues and provide recommendations on an amenable course of action necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Salisbury Township.
 5. I would like to discuss the fact that one EAC member shall not have the authority to represent the entire EAC members without having their consent to agree to the representation. Though we are a small group we need to work in unison with each other – as a team. We shall not tolerate an individual acting solo when the remaining EAC representatives are referenced without their knowledge.
 6. I want to reiterate the fact that collectively the EAC shall have the power to study environmental issues at the REQUEST of the BOC. If there is a topic of concern on an environmental level that has the potential to impact residents, business, and the overall health of our community it shall be brought to the attention of the BOC only if all EAC representatives or a quorum of the EAC agree to advance with discussion on the matter. It would be the BOC who would evaluate the concern then provide guidance if they want to move forward on the topic of concern.
 7. PUBLIC COMMENT