

Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council  
October 19, 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 August 17, 2016

**Report of officers and committees**

1. Zoning Hearing Board – Appeal from 2775 Honeysuckle Road regarding non-conforming lot, setbacks, impervious coverage and building lot coverage resulted in special exception and variance requests. The project was continued through to October 4<sup>th</sup> and was approved.
2. Planning – The Planning Commissioners advertised a public meeting to address the proposed zoning amendments. There were no residents or other interested parties in attendance. The Planning Commission closed the public meeting and continued with their regularly scheduled meeting regarding a minor lot resubdivision plan between two property owners located at 2907 Edgemont Drive and 2915 Edgemont Drive. The plan was approved. The other plan presented was 3111 Lehigh Street for the proposed Dunkin Brands Inc. The plan received approval from the Planning Commission and will proceed to present at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Stormwater detention basin status. The Department of Public works assisted with the excavation of the basin that was primary for the project to proceed. Our status is as such:
  1. We have communicated with Godshall's seeding and landscaping for the required matting necessary for erosion control. The matting was ordered and we are hoping for the work to proceed once scheduled by Godshalls.
  2. Cynthia has met with Edge of the Woods and purchased a variety of plants for the basin.

3. Cynthia also obtained plantings from Sugarbush Nursery and we are waiting for the opportunity to start planting.
4. Cynthia also ordered some native plant seeds to be spread along the sloped area which are specific for Stormwater basins. However the seeds need to have a direct connection to the soils. Once the seeds are spread then it will be necessary to have the matting placed on top of the seeds.
5. I anticipate some of the work will be done in October after the matting is in place.
6. We still need the Department of Public works to place macadam over the walking path that leads to the sitting area.
7. Then, I will start working on the report that will need to be finalized.
8. I plan on sending information to Erin Frederick from the Penn State Extension office to see if there would be any volunteers to help us with the planting.
9. If we can't get their assistance we will need to see if any college students would be willing to help however we must be sure the proper plants are located in the appropriate zones, i.e. wet, moist, mid zone on the slopes, and dry at the top of the slopes.
10. We may need to seek the services of the Department of Public works to help us prepare the sites where some trees will be placed.

**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.
- Ms. Sopka has been identifying guidance on Low Impact Development (LID) in accordance to the requirement provided by PADEP. This is a work in progress.
- This issue of illegal dumping was discussed at the last meeting but this is a topic that needs to be addressed and finalized.
- The STEAC would like to get information out to our community via the website. We should consider items to discuss.
- The STEAC in conjunction with the Friends of Allentown Parks plans on partnering on a grant from Pennsylvania DEP regarding 2017 Environmental Education Grant. The traditional mini-grant of up to \$3,000.00 will be available and would not require a match.
- PUBLIC COMMENT