

**Salisbury Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018**

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: Kreg Ulery, Jane Benning, Edward Olearczk, Jacquelyn Heiserman, Commissioner Rodney Conn, BOC Liaison, and Cynthia Sopka, Secretary to the EAC. Task Force Member: Katherine Velekei was not present. Karen El Chaar (excused) was not present.

Ms. Sopka called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Ms. Sopka 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.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Jane Benning and seconded by Edward Olearczk, to approve the September 20, 2017 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, Planning and Board of Commissioners Meetings for the month.

1. Zoning Hearing Board – 415 Mountain Blvd. Kistler property requiring variance to §27-801.1.B requiring new lot shall have frontage and direct access onto a public street. The site is located in the R1- Rural Residential Zoning District of Salisbury Township. Additional Variance requested from 27§801.3 allowing only one principal building to be permitted per lot.
2. Planning – 2602 Lindberg Ave Allentown PA. The project was to subdivide a portion of the property that currently has a home located on the tract of land. The applicant is interest in subdividing the site for the benefit of constructing a home for his family. The property incorporates 15.8 Acres. The project has been tabled.
3. Planning – 2686 South Pike Ave. Roche Painting land development in the C-2 Zoning Neighborhood Commercial District. The project is currently tabled.
4. 1200 South Cedar Crest Blvd Final Land Development of LVHN located in the Zoning District of R-3 Health Care Overlay District. The intent is to update the entrances of the Children’s Hospital and increase the accessibility of the entrance to 1210 Building. This has been approved by the Planning Commission.

Old Business

None

New Business

The EAC will continue to have the opportunity for the public to discuss **storm water issues (MS4)**. Please contact Mr. Nicolo, MS4 Coordinator, with any questions or concerns at 610-797-4000.

Mr. Nicolo joined the EAC this evening and provided documentation for review. There are permits required through the state and one is a NPDES five year permit that requires progress reports to be submitted to the PADEP.

The EAC is handling two of these aspects of the MS4 criteria referenced as: MCM#1 which is education and MCM #2 which is public outreach. The reports and activity must be submitted to the MS4 Coordinator. The DEP wants a report every year as opposed to every two years. The next report is due September 30, 2018. Mr. Nicolo requested the EAC to keep the reports and indicated he would collect the information to include into the September report 2018.

STEAC will be hosting a meeting with Lehigh Country and the Penn State Extension office on the subject of the Spotted Lantern Fly on March 21, 2018 starting at 7:00 p.m. Many municipalities have been hosting workshops as well, as the Spotted Lantern Fly plays havoc of fruit, trees, maple trees, sycamore trees, sugar maples. Governor Wolf and the Department of Agriculture have put millions of dollars to address the Spotted Lantern Fly issue and they need to get the word out.

Ms. Sopka stated that she has been in communication with the School District regarding potential projects that could be done with the EAC and the school. She stated one of the items to be addressed is the Spotted Lantern Fly and guide students on that issue even on the school district properties. She stated she would like to talk to them regarding the utilization of public service announcements that can be creative and relative to the MS4 that could be aired on RCN TV.

Mrs. Sopka indicated the intent is to share our stormwater basin that was retrofitted to be a wet pond. The Basin can be utilized as a science project for the students, because in the spring there will be a lot of tadpoles and other aquatic organisms. The project also includes utilization of native plantings that will support birds, butterflies, insects, etc.

Introduction of new committee members

Mr. Edward Olearczk introduced himself stating he was originally from Doylestown but relocated to Salisbury Township and has remained for the past 12 years. He has worked his entire life in the chemical industry and has interest in working waste water, prior to that he worked in heavy solids and has an interest in the impact of the environment.

Ms. Jacquelyn Heiserman introduced herself. She has lived in the Township for the past 17 years. She is the Director of Infection Protection at Easton Hospital and knows the environment

plays a significant role in everyone's health. She also participates in Disaster Preparedness, Emergency Management and things of that nature.

Public Comments

None

Agenda for Next Meeting

Re-Organization of STEAC Representatives – be determined at the next EAC meeting on April 18, 2018.

Adjournment

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