

# Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council

Salisbury Township Administrative Building  
2900 South Pike Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18103  
Wednesday

November 20, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

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• Jane Benning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Sandra A. Eckhart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Edward Olearczk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Jacquelyn Heiserman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• John Barbaz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Sandy Nicolo, MS4 Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Rodney Conn (BOC liaison)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Cynthia Sopka (Secretary)	<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:**

- The last meeting that was held for the EAC was conducted on August 21, 2019. The primary focus for the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting was to host an event regarding teaching individuals how to properly clean your recyclables. What is meant by contamination of recyclables. Flyers were distributed to the residents in attendance. Sandra Eckhart and Kent Larson created a power point presentation to the audience to address the proper way of recycling. The EAC would like to present the power point presentation to the schools within Salisbury School District area.
- The link regarding the recycling program is included with this notice:  
<https://recycleoftenrecycleright.com/>

- Mr. John Niessen, Regional Forester for Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources presented information regarding the impact of the emerald ash borer in Salisbury Township. Mr. Nissen indicated the reason for trees that are dying is due to secondary stresses such as excessive storm events.
- Additional information on the Spotted Lanternfly is listed at the Penn State Extension office at 1-888-422-3359 with questions on spotted lanternfly management or to report a sighting. <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>.

MS4                      The following items need to be addressed by the EAC

MCM 1.                Public Education and Outreach

Utilize the Enviroscape to teach children and older individuals about the impact of stormwater

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2019** Shade tree appeals in Salisbury Township will be handled by the township Environmental Advisory Council. The change in procedure occurred after a resolution to amend an ordinance was approved by a 4-0 vote, with one commissioner absent, at the October Township meeting. The EAC will be meeting to start the beginning phase of the Shade Tree Chapter 25, Section 109, of the township Code of Ordinances was amended to state:

The Board of Commissioners will no longer be the first township governing body that will consider shade tree appeals. Township commissioners have said the appeals hearing, testimony and vote is too time-consuming to take place at either of the two monthly township commissioners’ meetings. As approved, Chapter 25, Section 109, of the Township Code of Ordinances was amended to state:” Any person aggrieved by a notice, determination refusal, act or failure to act issued, taken or omitted under this Ordinance shall have the right to a hearing at a regular meeting to be held by the Board of Commissioners’ Environmental Advisory Council.”

The amendment affirms the township board of commissioners “believes that tree-lined streets and shade trees fronting properties add beauty to the township’s surroundings and stabilizes the ecosystem. Furthermore, the amendment states “the board of commissioners desires to enact rules prohibiting the removal of shade trees without first obtaining an approved permit.” Should the resident or property owner not agree with the decision by the Environmental Advisory Council, the amendment further state: “Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Environmental Advisory Council shall have the right to further appeal said decision to the Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners within 30 days of the date of said decision.”

Additionally , states the amendment, “Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Commissioners shall have the right to further appeal said decision to the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County within 30 days of the date of said decision.

- MCM 1. Take the Enviroscope to the schools to teach students about stormwater such as Salisbury School District; Swain School; St. Thomas More.
- MCM 2. Public Involvement and Participation: The EAC needs some MS4 educational projects to be completed for the June 2020 progress report