

**I. OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 PM, at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Sandra Yerger, Chairman, presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members:** Sandra Yerger, Chairman; Tom Maxfield, Vice Chairman; Ted Beardsley, Laura Ray, Allan Johnson; **Associate Members:** Hazem Hijazi, Absent: Glenn Kaye; **Planner:** – Absent; **Hellertown Liaison:** Absent: Terry Boos; **Jr. Council Member:** Vacant. Dru Germanoski, Member arrived at 7:13 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Reorganization**

**1. Nomination of Chairman**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved for the nomination of Sandra Yerger as Chairman  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Beardsley  
**ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Germanoski – Absent)

**2. Nomination of Vice-Chairman**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Beardsley moved for the nomination of Tom Maxfield as Vice-Chairman  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Johnson  
**ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Germanoski – Absent)

**3. Nomination of Secretary**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Johnson moved for the nomination of Laura Ray as Secretary  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Maxfield  
**ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Germanoski – Absent)

**4. Designation of EAC Meeting – Time & Place**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved for the EAC meetings to be held at Townhall on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm.  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Beardsley  
**ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Germanoski – Absent)

**B. Goals & Projects for 2013**

- Rain Barrel** – Mrs. Yerger said we tried to get a compost workshop together and it never happened. She asked Mr. Maxfield if we should try a rain barrel workshop. Mr. Maxfield said we could, we haven't done one in a while. He thinks that would be fine. Mr. Johnson said what you are suggesting is to get the Saucon Creek Watershed Association to hold a rain barrel building workshop and we would cooperate as a partner. Mrs. Yerger said yes, we would help promote it on the website. Mr. Maxfield said we could hold it at Seidersville Hall. The EAC agreed to do one in April.

2. **Native Plant Garden Enhancements** – Tom Maxfield said he knows we were supposed to ask the opinion of Roger Rasich about using the weed mats. We are looking for a source. We are looking to buy them, on or the other. That's still on the docket to do. We were talking about signage for the Native Plant Garden. There was some signage that just went up on the rail trail which is pretty nice, probably more detailed than we'd like to get. It really does help out. We'd like a sign between the two buildings as when you are over here, it's not really clear that there's a native plant garden over there. It would be nice to have something out at the front entrance way that says the native garden goes this way. There was a proposal to identify some of the native plants. Mr. Maxfield will bring this up at the next Council meeting. Nurture Nature is doing a big invasive plant workshop with some experts. They are starting to publicize it now and maybe we can tie it all in together right now.
  
3. **Recycling** – Mrs. Yerger said she wasn't here when the EAC met with FreeCycle. Mr. Maxfield said at Council last night he made them aware we met with FreeCycle and said it's a service that's open to Township residents and asked them if they'd be interested in putting information on the website or in the newsletter about it as a service to the residents, not that we're promoting them. We're not paying them any money, so it would simply be a service to the residents. The drop-off point is out by the airport. They will also come to the Township and do our events. The drop-off is open at different times. Mr. Beardsley said they'll take more things, more than anyone else will take. Mrs. Yerger said what about staff? Do we have to supply all of the staff? Mr. Beardsley said no. We told them that we do have a couple of people from Public Works and a forklift, they thought that was great. That would make it easier for them. Mrs. Yerger said she doesn't want them to assume we'll provide all the staffing. Mr. Hijazi said he was under the impression if we do it at our location, they wanted to have a forklift here. Mr. Beardsley said they were talking about bringing a forklift and we told them we have an operator here and they didn't need to do that. Mr. Hijazi said it's a moot point, we do have it and if we organize an event, we could provide the forklift and support. Mrs. Yerger said pro-con as opposed to the new one? We've traditionally had a spring and a fall event. We're going to have to start planning this. Mr. Beardsley said he thinks AERC did a fine job and the difference is they may be charging this year. Mrs. Yerger said they said they weren't making money, and not enough to turn it around. Do we want to see if FreeCycle is interested and if they will do it? Mr. Maxfield said part of their plan was they were looking for a drop-off place in Northampton County. Depending on if they would get something close to us, maybe we wouldn't even have to hold an event here. They are working with Tom Dittmar trying to find a place in Northampton County. Until that time, why not have them. Who is to say we can't use both services. Ms. Ray said she liked FreeCycle a lot. Mr. Germanoski said his impression was if they had to bring people, they will, but if we have volunteers they'd appreciate it and a forklift would be a big plus. He went there a few days after the last EAC meeting with TV's, computer materials, whatever and Johnny Johnson was there and he took everything happily. There were no charges for anything. Mrs. Yerger asked if Diane would be willing to contact them and set up a date and coordinate the dates with Tom Dittmar's County dates. We'll look at it for next month and talk about it. Talk to Tom Dittmar and tell them we are planning to use FreeCycle.
  
4. **Native Plant Sale** – Mrs. Yerger said last year she worked with the Saucon Creek Watershed and Terry Boos was very helpful. We did a plant sale at the Farmer's Market. The EAC decided to do the plant sale in June, maybe on Father's Day. Last year we did Mother's Day and at that time the plants are not in bloom. By June, the plants are blooming. She said we can work with Edge of the Woods as they have worked with us in the past few years and have been very cooperative and given us a break. We can give a donation to the Saucon Creek Watershed Association as we sell the plants. She will work this out with Terry Boos and the Saucon Creek Watershed Association.

5. **Hydrology Studies** – Mrs. Yerger said are we still trying to pursue this? Mr. Maxfield said we have been asking for this for years from Hanover. Initially what we wanted to do was identify the major aquifers and they said they were pretty sure they knew where they were. He asked Hanover to get him that information and they said yes, and we never got it. Then we were interested in the real bounds of the watershed protection area and aquifers associated with that and which way the groundwater flowed towards Springtown and LST, and we got more information from Springtown than we did from our guys. He would like to know where the water in the Township is going. We talk about pollution and we have the carbonate geology, so we need this. If someone comes in with something big in a carbonate area or above a carbonate area, he kind of wants to know what to expect. Mr. Germanoski said that would be a great project for one of our students. Part of the projects they did, they did groundwater studies for Upper Mt. Bethel Township. John Wilson floats ideas by the class and they select things, and they come up with their own ideas. Something like this is right up their alley. If you want, he will bring this to John Wilson's attention this week. There were a large number of kids in the class last semester and they will now be looking for other projects where they can use their GIS skills. Mrs. Yerger said that's perfect and a good place to start. Mr. Maxfield said even if there is a semester lag in there, we've been asking for it for years. Mr. Germanoski said the students could provide a starting point and then maybe Hanover wants to look at it and update with other information they may have. Surface water is easy and for geology, the whole Township is mapped. Mr. Hijazi said does the Township keep records of groundwater wells, drinking water wells? Mr. Maxfield said he's not sure. He knows there is a long time record out by the landfill, but he doesn't know about your standard residential well. He knows they'll have a record of probably when wells were drilled, but testing he's not sure about that. Mr. Hijazi said just the wells, which houses have private wells. How deep is that well? Mrs. Yerger said do they have a running list or would they have to look at each development plan as it as put in to determine who has a well and who doesn't? Mr. Maxfield said he doesn't know. Mr. Johnson said one of the students at Lafayette did a project and reported on it at the December County EAC meeting. He did a project where he collected information on some of the wells that existed in the Township and related them to septic systems in the Township that had failed. He doesn't think he got any of that information from the Township. He thinks he got that information from other databases. Mr. Hijazi said the state has databases for wells. Mr. Johnson said looking at his data, it was not up-to-date at all, but it's a start. Mr. Maxfield said one thing the Township does have is everybody on public water. There's a good record of that, so the assumption is every other lot has a well. Some lots have public water and an old well that's been decommissioned. He thinks they don't encourage you to have both. He saw a map today of an area of every property that had public water and it was a mix and was denoted on the map. Like your other information, you are asking for the depth, who knows. People don't even know the depth of their own wells sometimes. Mr. Johnson said the well driller is supposed to keep a record, but who he gives that information to is a big question. Mr. Germanoski said he has the poster which Mr. Johnson was talking about and they got the failed septic system data from Hanover. The well data is woefully incomplete. He thinks now that the well drillers are supposed to report to DER those wells are going in the database. Any one of us could look at our neighborhood and if you look at this poster, you can start putting your finger on a number of places where private wells exist that aren't in the database. He suspects the properties that are served by public sewer are listed somewhere for billing purposes, so that would be another way of trying, by default, assume that other residents have on-lot. Mr. Hijazi said developing such a database is very beneficial and if we could use the help that Mr. Germanoski is talking about, that would be great. For the future, for the Township to have such data is important. Mrs. Yerger said how can the Township help you or what do you need from us? Mr. Germanoski said what he needs to do now knowing this, as he looked at it right away, they missed a lot of wells. John Wilson said that data is just not available. Mr. Germanoski asked John about the Township and he said that's how they determined the failed septic systems which were from Hanover. It would be helpful as we know where there are wells, and it would be helpful to see who has public service for both sewage and water supply and then use a designator which indicates probable septic, probable well, and as time goes on we can update this with real information. Mr. Maxfield said that was real interesting when you mentioned you got data from

Hanover with the failed systems because at one point when we were considering running the septic out towards Leithsville, we were told that we couldn't get the failed septic information because there was potential failures and any potential failure was catalogued by simply seeing a pipe come out into a swale or to a waterway. They said there were liability issues, so they couldn't give us addresses or anything like that. We could never put our finger on a real number as to how many systems were failed or about to fail. Mr. Germanoski said you can look at this map and get a sense. Mr. Johnson said one thing the Township could do is to begin a well data be reported in order to get a building permit. The new ones are supposed to be recorded with the DER and you could always check to see how to get that information. Mr. Germanoski said you can get that online but he's not sure how many years it goes back. The well drillers it takes a lot of legwork, but he's talked to them over the years and they have records. They shared those records with him and it will require some legwork. If this is something you want to pursue, he can push this with John Wilson and if a student wants to do that legwork and contact drillers and knowing how the databases are inadequate now gives you a sense on how to follow up. Mr. Maxfield said we could talk to Chris Garges and find out what we possibly do have and what is existing. Mr. Germanoski said the person who did the project is a Civil Engineering student so he doesn't have to start from scratch. Mrs. Yerger said how far do we want John Wilson to pursue this? Do we want him to locate the wells and the septic systems in the Township and then determine who is on line and whose not, or both. Mr. Maxfield said for the hydrology study, why don't we start with wells? Mr. Germanoski said to him, there are two separate projects. One is the follow-up to try to improve the well and septic system data, both with estimates and following up with drillers in the State and the other project would be somewhat independent based on the geology, hydrological reports, topography for surface water, watershed delineation and runoff which would be another project. What will happen is this was a project and everyone had to do a project, but they are still learning how to learn GIS. What normally happens in the next semester, some of those students are looking for an independent study, maybe a thesis project, and they have these skills and they want to follow up. We don't have to wait until next fall; we can pursue it right away. If worse comes to worse, they'll be a class of new students starting next year and we can go from there. He will report back in February. Mrs. Yerger said we are going to try to pursue two studies – the hydrology study and enhance the well and septic system study that was started.

6. **Electronic Media** – Mrs. Yerger said Ms. Ray has done a great job. She is pulling in things from other agencies. If you have anything relevant to the EAC, send it to Laura. Mr. Hijazi said he checked the website recently and the information looks a little dated. It's all factual and correct, but it looks like it's been awhile since it's been updated. Mrs. Yerger said at least in February we'll have some dates for projects to put on the EAC website. Diane can get you the Tom Dittmar information. Mr. Maxfield said why don't we put FreeCycle information on? Ms. Ray said she can. Mrs. Yerger said she gets everything from Jacobsburg. They do a lot of environmental nature projects so she'll send it to Laura. As a side note, Mr. Maxfield said two huge beautiful white Egrets in full plumage were at Woodland Golf Course, the biggest he's ever seen. Mrs. Yerger said they had more wood ducks on their little farm pond this summer, now they have a large flock of turkey's running around. There are a lot of different birds doing really well. Mr. Maxfield said at the last Council meeting we got a complaint from a resident about turkey vultures perched on her roof right across the development from Mrs. Yerger's house. Mrs. Yerger said sure, they got to stop hitting the deer. You want to get rid of the turkey vultures; you have to start obeying the speed limit and stop whacking the deer. The deer are coming off the mountain and going across to the cornfields. That's why it has a 40 MPH speed limit. Nobody is doing 40 MPH. Mr. Hijazi said the turkey vulture was a complaint that was made to the landfill. Mr. Maxfield said it was referred to the landfill as they thought all the turkey vultures were there because of the landfill and they've been eating at the landfill. Mrs. Yerger said no, they are eating deer because the cars are hitting an average of a deer every ten days. Mr. Maxfield said he's seen more sea gulls at the landfill than turkey vultures. Mrs. Yerger said the cars have to slow down. Mr. Maxfield said maybe we can refer that recommendation and encourage people to slow down. It's coming down the hill at Williams Township. Mrs. Yerger said the police do patrol, but further away from the

Williams Township line. They need to be sitting at the church. She sees it, she lives there. She hears the bang every ten days. You keep hitting deer; you're going to keep getting turkey vultures. Mr. Maxfield said the hunters are staying longer than they should as they are hunting after sundown and that could be driving the deer out on the roads. The one thing we don't want to do is kill the vulture. Mrs. Yerger said maybe we can recommend to Council to see if they can petition PennDOT to put "Deer Crossing" signs there to slow down the traffic. At least it may give someone a heads up. Mr. Maxfield saw several dead down between the old Lutheran Church and I-78. Mrs. Yerger said there are some down by the Sportsman's Club. The deer are now grazing in where the Bethlehem Steel used to be.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved to ask Council to petition PennDOT for Deer Crossing Signs at Lower Saucon Sportsman's Club area and Ridge Road area off of Easton Road.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Germanoski

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0

7. **Adopt-a-Road** – Mrs. Yerger said we'll do an event in the spring and fall. Diane said the EAC already picked a date out and she'll bring the date back to the next meeting.
8. **Lighting Ordinance** – Mr. Maxfield said Boucher & James has this pretty much prepared. Mrs. Yerger said then we can drop it. Mr. Maxfield said unless you have specific recommendations. Mrs. Yerger said at this point, she doesn't, but we can certainly pass them on. Mr. Hijazi said until you get the lighting ordinance completed, we should keep this as a goal. Mr. Maxfield said it's been ready to go for awhile. He will ask Boucher & James about this.
9. **Environmental Education Programs** – Mrs. Yerger said we always talk about doing environmental education programs up at the school. The school is working on their naturalization process and the school property, which is not far from the park. We haven't heard from them in awhile. They used to report to us what the project was and how it was going. They almost gave the impression that they wanted our cooperation. Mr. Maxfield said why don't we ask the Saucon Valley Partnership for an update. Mrs. Yerger said you can do that and report back to us. Mr. Maxfield said that would be called the Saucon Valley Environmental Center.

**C. UPDATING INFORMATION OF "A PROPERTY OWNER'S GUIDE TO LAND CONSERVATION" BROCHURE**

Mrs. Yerger said she's going to run this by Laura Baird as they did an updated one. She doesn't think there's been any change to the 2007 tax incentive. Mr. Beardsley said a word has to come out, a spelling error. Mrs. Yerger said she will check with the consultants at Heritage and will report back to you in February and will let Leslie know if there are any major changes.

**D. EAC MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION**

Mrs. Yerger said please look over your information and if you have any changes, Diane will change it. Colin has stepped off the EAC as he has family commitments that conflict. Mr. Maxfield said we are down a Member. Mr. Hijazi said he would like to be a Member. We should replenish the rest of the associates. Mrs. Yerger said if you know of anyone, have them send a letter into Jack. Mr. Johnson said we also need someone for the EAC Open Space Committee. Mr. Hijazi and Mr. Germanoski said they would agree and help out and on the walks with the Committee until they get someone. He will not go out and walk by himself. If they don't have another guy, they won't get anything done. Mr. Germanoski said when you have a site, send an email out to himself or Haz. Mr. Johnson said do you have to be a member of the Open Space Committee to walk? The Council gets pretty picky on some of this stuff. Mr. Maxfield said Mrs. Yerger is an ex-officio member of the EAC or any committee that the EAC formed. That's her job as Chairman. He doesn't see a problem with Dru or Haz to go out and walk a property. If anything

gets going on the ridge top project, they are going to have a lot of walks. Mrs. Yerger said if you need help, we'll come back. Let her give it some thought between now and February and she'll talk to Jack and see if he has any recommendations to see how this can be handled. Mr. Johnson said we can have four members if we wanted. Mrs. Yerger said let's see how Jack wants to handle this. He was part of this when we set it up. She appreciates their offers and they may take them up on it in February. Mr. Germanoski said if you had Ted and Allan as the committee and one of them has to be on the walk, that maintains the consistency and the institutional memory of what's been done in the past. If he or Haz went along on the walk on an as-needed basis, the other thing we'd be missing out on is they both have some professional expertise to help with some of these things. It seems foolish not to take advantage of that, but at the same time, they are not members. Mrs. Yerger said she will come up with something official in February. If you have someone in mind or interested to be on the EAC, let us know.

**III. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE**

**A. PROPERTY UPDATES**

Mr. Beardsley said the letter he prepared that was going to go to Council for potential property owners; he doesn't know if it went to Council. Mr. Maxfield said it was not presented to Council. Mrs. Yerger said we need an official recommendation for it to go to Council. We will have it go to Council for their next meeting for Council's review. Mr. Maxfield said see if we can make this an agenda item. It won't take long.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved to have Mr. Beardsley's "Draft" property owner letter for potential property preservation go to Council.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Johnson

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0

**IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None**

**V. UPDATES/REPORTS**

**A. UPDATE ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG COLLECTION PROGRAM**

Mrs. Yerger said there is an email in your packet from Rich Schilling from Springtown Township. The PD in Springfield Township got a grant for it, so we'd have to have our PD to it as it's a "Just Community" grant. We'd have to ask Council to ask the Police or ask Jack to ask the Police to pursue a grant. She's sure Cathy will do the grant anyway. Mr. Maxfield said he doesn't think there's a problem with just going to Jack and having him ask the Chief because this is an existing program that we're just asking for it to be upgraded. It's not like we have to get an approval. Mrs. Yerger said she will talk to Jack about this as she started it. She thought it was cool as she saw it down at Springfield. It's just a lock box and they just drop in any prescriptions they don't want and it's free to the community. That way they don't have to hang onto these drugs for six months until they do an official recycling like we do once a year. You can get rid of them, your old antibiotics, prescriptions, vitamins, whatever. They don't want people flushing them into the water system or going into the landfill. This way they dispose of them correctly. She will call Jack directly.

**B. REPORT FROM ALLAN JOHNSON ON NORTHAMPTON COUNTY EAC MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2012**

Mr. Johnson said he went to the meeting which was held at the same time as our last EAC meeting. It was held at Lafayette College where students who are learning GIS presented the results of their work. There were many EAC's there from Northampton County, so it was a presentation of work they did for quite a few EAC's in Northampton County. He was mainly interested in the ones they

did for LST. They were John Wilson's students. He was here and spoke to us about this project. This was the final results of what they did during the semester. There were two projects associated with LST that were displayed. One involved the drinking water wells and failed septic systems in LST and the other problem showed sections of roads in LST that were resurfaced and the dates that was done. The result of all the projects that were done by all the students for all the EAC's, including the data that they created and the posters they created as a report on their projects will be available for all the EAC's in Northampton County. Along with their posters, they also created a tutorial explaining how they did it which will be great information for anybody that wants to carry on their work. That was part of the effort to try and get the EAC's and the other Township's who are interested in working on GIS databases for their Township's to show them what can be done and how it's done to get them started on projects they wanted to do. One of the projects focused on a free version of GIS software that can be used to view the data and maps created by the students which is good. That's something that all the EAC's can go and get this free software and start working on GIS projects.

**C. DISCUSSION WITH DRU GERMANOSKI ON PROJECTS THAT THE STUDENTS OF JOHN WILSON COMPLETED AND REPRESENTED AT THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY EAC MEETING**

Mr. Germanoski had GIS files on a CD and he had two examples of the tutorials of the wells and septic data and one for the infrastructure management data. Last meeting he shared those lists as to what all the projects were. If we want to see any of the other projects, we can request copies. He can get them and bring them to a meeting. The first one shows the failed septic systems and ground water wells. They have information on here on elevations of sea level and depth of water which is included and it's color-coded. If we zero in on an area we are familiar with, you quickly realize that the data sets are incomplete as where wells are located as we discussed previously, but it's a starting point. You can access this digitally with the laptop we have with the GIS. These are the results and if anyone wants to look at it for additional information, he can communicate that information. Mr. Johnson said this poster is a giant PDF file and it's on the disk. People can look at it on their computers and scroll around. Mr. Germanoski said he will email them to the EAC members. Mr. Maxfield said what if we distributed a copy to our SEO's. Maybe they could provide us more information or use it. Mr. Germanoski said Jeff Huff provided this information on failed septic systems. Mr. Hijazi said he lives here and they all have public water and sewer and this show the property that has failed septic's, but all septic's have been removed from their area on the top of the hill. This is really good information. Mr. Germanoski said to be careful with some of these things, a lot of these wells located by visual site in the fields as the well driller will mark a spot on the map. They are not usually GIS coordinates that were measured when the well was drilled. There's some error. Mr. Hijazi said in perspective when you say it's there; he doesn't think the well here is going to show up here. It washes out with scale. When you are working on a property and there's some contamination, the state allow to give you a release liability with certain conditions. A lot of times you try to figure out are there any private wells down gradient, so you go to the Township and they don't have any records, so you are only dependent on the State records and sometimes they aren't complete because some of the wells could be there earlier. Mr. Maxfield said with the liability issue that was mentioned with failed systems, some of them are ancient, but how should we treat this map? We can't just hang it up in the meeting room. Mr. Hijazi said he's not talking about the septic. You are trying to figure out what could be the impact of down gradient users or receptors. When you have that, it's easier to see and assess and evaluate. Mr. Maxfield said then we should have it here at the Township for people to use. Mr. Germanoski said if there's an incident that's going to trigger a careful detail of evaluation, this is a starting point, so you're not starting from scratch. As far as this being useful in any kind of legal matter, certainly not. It could help us. He views this as rudimentary as a starting point, but if we could now follow up and try to improve the resolution, improve the accuracy, then it's something we can start to utilize. Just the fact that there's that much interest, tells us and gives him some guidance to try to push this with our students as this is something we would like to see improved upon. It needs

both improved resolution and improved accuracy. If there's that interest, and there clearly is, he'll pursue this. The other thing he thinks we were hoping to accomplish was to give us some idea of what they are capable of producing and now we have the ability to follow up and say it would be nice to have this format as an investigation of act to identify deer crossings, for example. We are free to imagine whatever information we feel is useful and we could start trying to build the list every year for the students to pursue. This is mutually beneficial. We are looking for information, but he looks for projects every year. He needs to have new projects every year. Mr. Maxfield said it's interesting as before he couldn't visualize what direction we should be going in, but now, it's very clear. Mrs. Yerger said thank you and thank John and his students. She gave the CD to Diane to give to Chris Garges so he can be the keeper.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11, 2012 MINUTES**

Mr. Germanoski said page 3, line 8, it should say "manufacturer" that sell in PA. On page 3, line 32, it should be "security" instead of secure. Page 4 of 10, line 30, the last word should be "for".

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of the December 11, 2012 minutes, with corrections.  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Beardsley  
**ROLL CALL:** 6-0

**VII. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – None**

**VIII. TERRY BOOS – HELLERTOWN REPRESENTATIVE – REPORT – Absent**

**IX. NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None**

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Gene Boyer, Saucon Avenue in LST, said a number of months ago Council put their minutes on line after they were written up as a "Draft", which made it available way for the public to look at. He was wondering if that was possible that the EAC could do the same thing. Mr. Maxfield said that might be a policy that Council may have to approve to put our minutes on as we are not in charge of the functioning of how our minutes go on-line. Mrs. Yerger said should she talk to Jack? She will talk to our Manager and see if there's policy we have to look at and determine. Mr. Hijazi said he's a big believer in open records and files, but he thinks the whole idea of putting things on-line is you want it to be approved if there are mistakes. Mr. Boyer said it's put on line for Council and it has "Draft" all over it. It just doesn't delay the process because you look at it almost eight weeks later. This way whenever the young lady gets it all done, she puts it up for the Council and could do so with the EAC. Mrs. Yerger said she'll check it out. Mr. Boyer said it would be nice to have them on as you would know these are the discussions and you'd be able to talk about it. Otherwise, the reality of putting these minutes up now that you voted on may not go on for a week and by the time someone gets to talk about it, it'll be February and it happened in December.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved for adjournment. The time was 8:35 P.M.  
**SECOND BY:** Ms. Ray  
**ROLL CALL:** 6-0