

I. **OPENING**

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 7:02 P.M. at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Sandra Yerger, Chairman, presiding.
- B. **ROLL CALL:**  
**Members:** Sandra Yerger, Chairman; Tom Maxfield, Vice-Chairman; Allan Johnson, Hazem Hijazi, Ted Beardsley and Laura Ray (arrived at 7:05 PM). Absent: Dru Germanoski; **Associate Members:** Sarah Stanlick; Absent: Michael Boyle and Glenn Kaye; **Hellertown Liaison:** Terry Boos
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)** – None

II. **OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE**

A. **PROPERTY UPDATES**

1. **UPDATE ON RICHARD MARSON – 2383 WASSERGASS ROAD**

Mr. Beardsley said he spoke to Rich Marson today and he spoke to Terry Clemon's about Rich Marson's issues. Terry's advice was to let Rich Marson highlight what questions he has in the conservation document and make an appointment to go and see Terry along with Rich Marson's attorney or Ted or whoever he wants. Rich Marson said give him a week and he'll get back to Ted.

2. **UPDATE ON CHARLES MARTIN – 2256 SILVER CREEK ROAD**

Mrs. Yerger said the easement document has been agreed upon and Chris Garges is working with Heritage Conservancy. There was a question about the property line because there's a gas line easement through it and they were working through that as it wasn't marked real clearly on the map. That's been resolved and Heritage will be coming out to do the baseline documentation. That's the last piece in the puzzle other than to get a settlement date.

Mr. Beardsley said he spoke to Leslie to get an update. They discussed the baselines and do we need to have them done before we settle on the conservation easement. From what he read today, it seems they need to be dated, agreed to, by the property owner and the Township when settlement happens. Mrs. Yerger said correct. It's going to happen any day now.

Mr. Beardsley said first we have to get Rich Marson to agree. Mrs. Yerger said first you have to get the easement language decided upon. That's where he is. Once they agree on that, then you go and order a baseline. If they can't agree on the easement language, then there's no need to even proceed with a baseline. That's where they are.

Mr. Maxfield said Mr. Petrie is here and he just wanted to remind the Open Space Committee that they need to schedule a survey of that property. According to Bruce, it's melting now. Mr. Beardsley said he will give Mr. Petrie his contact information and he could call Ted when the snow is gone.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PROPOSED SRT TRAIL HEAD NATURE PATH (VALERIE LEGGETT)**

Valerie Liggett from Boucher & James and Terry Boos were present. Mr. Boos said there's a proposal to create an educational nature trail at the Reading Drive Trailhead picnic area. It would run from the edge of the picnic area, 400' or so, on a curve, and it would eventually tie into the Rail Trail.

Ms. Liggett asked if there were any particular issues? Mr. Boos said the only question is with the ADA requirements. The other rebuttals are relatively complete and there shouldn't be any issues.

Ms. Liggett said Mr. Boos gave a memo going through her memo point by point. One of his questions was regarding what were the legal ADA requirements for this trail.

Mr. Boos said for the comments regarding the length being 450', the biggest thing as far as having an educational component although it's relatively short on what they were planning on doing was having a brochure mounted in a weather-proof box located at the kiosk that they could have locations of interest along the trail. Those locations would be enumerated with a small metallic engraved piece of metal. That would be tied into the brochure.

Ms. Liggett said she will read Mr. Boos responses:

- A. Provide a demonstration garden for educating the public on what is growing on the trail, both needed and non-needed species with the hope that they will take what they take with them what they learn on the trail.
- B. To communicate the benefits of native plants and the negative impact the eco-system Flora, Fona, and human non-needed invasive plants.
- C. To demonstrate how clean-up efforts can mitigate the impact the invasive plants over time.
- D. To be a dynamic exhibit that can move and change as we introduce new native plants and highlight invasive plants that can be targeted for removal along the trail. We hope to install two to six signs on the impact of needed and invasive plant species and two movable identification signs to highlight what is growing on the trail.

Ms. Liggett said as far as any review she would have, she wouldn't have any comment on any of that except for the small moveable identification signs. She thinks they would comment on the moveable signs may be an issue for vandalism. That might be something to think about.

Ms. Liggett said for No. 2, past proximity to road and located within the right-of-way, their comment was that the point is not appropriate because the engineer did not make a site visit but used an overlay of the map. The map they were given actually does show it drawn within the right-of-way on your map. Mr. Boos said he was attempting to provide a reproducible document for as site visit. Ms. Liggett said that could be accurate, or it could not be accurate depending on where you have things flagged in the field. Your other comment was the impact of the path being in the right-of-way. That could be an issue if there's construction on the road in the future and they need that right-of-way for construction, then your path would be gone. That would be an issue. That's something you would want to look at.

Ms. Liggett said your second comment about the buffer plants; the purpose is not to create landscape but rather to grow plants that have co-evolved with the indigenous wildlife. She would agree with that. It's a good comment. She thinks their point was to not go in and add a bunch of evergreen trees, but to find some appropriate landscape material that would fit with the wildlife and creates more of a screen there between the trail and the roadway. Mr. Boos said the road is somewhat visible from the trail location, but it's not something that's in your face as a car would

go by if you happen to be at the closest spot to it. You would notice it, but you don't actually see the road. It's just sort of some small openings that are randomly noticeable so there again, it's a case of site visit with her or someone who could see what the flag location is. Some of these points would be settled with that being the case. The overlays may indicate we are in the right-of-way, but the actual trail location, we may not have an issue. Ms. Liggett said that may be the case where you would need to have possibly the Township Engineer with their survey crew out there to make sure you're not in the right-of-way. Mr. Maxfield said even if it's not in the right-of-way, and that right-of-way space needs to be used by whoever owns it, that could bring the road immediately next to the trail, which would not be a great situation, so we need to establish that.

Ms. Liggett said No. 3, he asked about the use of mulch and what were the legal ADA requirements for a trail such as this. Because it is a trail on Township property, it is required to meet ADA requirements, which means it is required to have a firm and stabilized surface. It would be required to meet the ADA requirements for outside recreational. Mr. Boos said he needs to understand what that particular requirement is. Does he need to lay 6" of crushed stone, what specifically does he need to do to meet that? Ms. Liggett said she will give him a copy of the requirements which were recently passed. Ms. Ray said will it be required because the main trail is still there. It's not like someone wouldn't have another way to go. They are trying to make it a minimal impact thing. That's why they liked the idea of not having the regular paved path. Ms. Liggett said it's a good question. If it was just an access route and to get from point A to point B, but since it's on Township and also because it's accessed to a experience, not just an access route, you need to be able to provide access to everyone to be able to get to that experience. Since it's an educational opportunity, they don't want to exclude everyone from that. We have methods and ways that she'll provide Terry with for constructing that trail. You can go in on one route and dig out the trail, just stay on that path, construct that path on the 3' section, keep a limited disturbance footprint. It's very easy to limit your disturbance. It's very important to limit disturbance as you want to balance that and make sure you are able to share that educational experience with as many people as possible. Since you are also providing a different experience on this section on the trail than on the Rail Trail, you want to make sure people can access that as well. It's also a legal requirement.

Ms. Liggett said No. 4 the path width and the need for passing areas. That 3' width is acceptable and you'll see that in the requirements. As far as passing areas, Part B of this is can we build areas passing, that's fine. The ADA requirement is that you are only required to build in passing areas for every 1,000' of trail length. You wouldn't be required to put in a passing area, but since you're doing an educational component to it, and you may have people stopping, her recommendation is you don't necessary have to follow it, you'd put a passing area in the middle.

Ms. Liggett said No. 5 it says path be field located, path location has already been taken into consideration. Trail has been located to prevent ponding and the cut and fill method will be used for construction. She has no argument with that.

Ms. Liggett said No. 6, location of path entry. We can work with LST to relocate the start of the path.

Ms. Liggett said No. 7, portion of path on steep slopes. There are no steep slopes.

Ms. Liggett said B, understand the regulations about safety concerns, points 3, 4, 7. Mr. Boos had been on many walking trails and state national parks that did not meet these requirements. Does the existence of education signage dictate that the area be handicapped accessible? She thinks A may go back to whether the trail is show accurately on the plan or not. B, we've covered that already.

Ms. Liggett said No. 8, details on the bridge construction, it says they can provide recommendations for bridge construction that meet requirements, concrete footers may be needed. The guess is it will not be ADA compliant as you originally envisioned it. How hard would it be to make the ADA regulations? She had information on how to do boardwalks easily. Mr. Boos said he didn't know, does he need 6' x 6' stringers? How much distance do you need between support points, that kind of thing? He's guessing without officially measuring it. Is it one end of the span to the other, between 16' and 20' depending on where you want to imbed on the ballast and how far you want to go to the top of the swale. Ms. Liggett said the information she has will give her the information he needs. Mr. Boos said they thought there were some invasive non-native trees on site and in the process of removing them, they would be able to utilize that particular material for stringers and/or cross members for a swale crossing, but with the ADA that's not going to be possible. Ms. Liggett said you still may be able to find a use for that to delineate the trail or something like that.

Ms. Liggett said No. 9, property invasive plant removal. This is the very concern they had concerns about the project from the start. The current targeted space allows the ability to monitor the area effectively. They will remove the invasive plants gradually with minimal ground disturbance. The team will observe what natives are present and cultivate and plant natives appropriate for the site conditions. They will periodically visit and monitor the site and engage volunteers to assist. She said two comments on this, her discussion with the Township is they would like to see a fairly well thought out maintenance plan. For the last comment on delineating the trail with residual plant debris, she would think tree limbs would be okay to do that. She'd think anything else you would want to think carefully about what you use. If you miss any seeds or roots, that could be risky. Mr. Boos said if they do some invasive removal and/or clean up some hazard tree type things, that would be particularly in areas with it being an ADA trail, it may not be as prone to having somebody wander off the trail anymore, but previously the way they first laid it out there was a possibility of some spots where somebody may decide they want to cut the trail off or use a different location and by piling debris that they would more or less preclude them from leaving the trail areas. He was thinking in terms of a brush pile or lime berries. Once that 2' or 3' brush pile was established, that the additional residual material could be hung suspended on that pile that it would desiccate on its own. Ms. Liggett said she can see where he's coming from, but she's not sure that the Township would be terribly keen on that. Mr. Maxfield said what's being proposed here? Ms. Liggett said the debris left from pulling out invasive species. They didn't want to delineate the trail or use it to keep people making deer tracks off into the forest. Her concern is the seeds are left on the plant, they could regenerate and she believes there would be concern from the Township that it might be unsightly. Those are two concerns that would come up.

Ms. Liggett said No. 10, removal of poison ivy, barberry and other such plant species. They will remove barberry, and poison ivy. Do not want to remove native plants that have briars or the devils walking stick. Walking in the woods is not without risk. This is part of the educational experience. They will keep the path clear but not sanitize the forest. They will provide an inventory of much of what is growing on this plot of land 5' on either side of the new trail. Would there be a concern from the Township's respect of a liability issue. Mr. Maxfield said yes. Ms. Liggett said would there be an option of transplanting a little further off the trail if there's a devils walking stick, like right next to the trail. Mr. Boos said the devils walking stick is only located along the actual Rail Trail edge that it's not anywhere near the location of this proposed trail. They are not interested in removing that as far as where poison ivy with the trail constructed, that may lean over into where the trail location would be at some point. He doesn't expect that to be much of an issue. Ms. Liggett said that's their primary concern too, just the area right around the trail.

Ms. Liggett said No. 11, tree removal, poor quality and hazard trees. This is a good idea. They don't want to risk a tree falling on someone. A different risk than No. 10.

Ms. Liggett said No. 12, do you think the meadow is a great idea. Mr. Boos said before we leave that, one of the questions he has is if we would establish a work party with the approval to remove hazard trees and/or trees that are maybe not in the greatest shape or could become a hazard, we are certainly minimizing that whole situation, but would we be able to establish a work party or does PW have to do it. What is the proper procedure? Ms. Liggett said it would depend on the size and level of hazard of tree. Mr. Boos said he has been a professional arborist and has other friends that are professional arborists and they would be capable of doing the work. Ms. Liggett said it's not a question she feels comfortable asking, the Township solicitor would have to look at that.

Ms. Liggett said No. 12, the meadow area is a great idea. It may require a level of maintenance more so in the first year. If they go ahead, they will provide details, location and maintenance. Mr. Boos said they'd like to install a meadow area and that particular area is right at the edge of the woods and the Reading Road area. This would be one of those right-of-way areas. Ms. Liggett said for meadows, it wouldn't be that big of a deal. Mr. Boos said its right at the edge of the forest area and a small indentation where Japanese still grass has invaded it, they would like to install warm season grass meadow. They are looking to cardboard it and mulch it. As the warm seasons grasses become available, those could be planted in. She said they would want an idea of what they would install. Mr. Boos said they are looking to minimize their expenses. They feel they may not necessarily need to be planting and natives may possibly be on site just waiting for that over story invasive so they can be released. Once the wine berries would be removed, they would layer the existing berry plants with mulch so they can push them. Any planting stock would be overstock from themselves and other interested parties. If he has some overstocking of some shade shrub or tree, he would have stock available. At this point in time, he's not sure what people's overstock material is. Once they do know what is available, they would issue a list and the Township could x out what they wanted to. The Township would have supervision over what does get installed. Ms. Liggett said that would be workable.

Ms. Liggett said that was it for their memo. Mrs. Yerger asked if there were any questions. Mr. Hijazi said has this discussion been referred to the Parks & Recreation Board? Mrs. Yerger said no, but she thinks it should. Mr. Boos said they have not gone to the Parks & Recreation Board. Mr. Johnson said is there any chance that the trees you cut down could be sawed up into boards and be used as construction materials for the bridge or possibly the fences along the path. Mr. Boos said on this particular property, the trees that are hazardous are the ones that they were interested in removing, there is not sufficient material in those pieces to make it worthwhile attempting to do anything. They are either 6" size stock and/or curved and not worth messing with. They'd be better off being utilized as our trail lining material and/or for piling for rabbits or other wildlife. Mr. Johnson said is everyone satisfied with just using branches and things like that to delineate the path? Mr. Boos said from their end, they are willing to do that. The discussion this evening indicates that may not be an option. Mr. Maxfield said over in our Native Plant Garden, we've used small trees and things like that to delineate the path, not brush. When you say brush, he's picturing piles of messy looking things. The idea of using natural materials to delineate the path is pretty cool and he would picture small log type things. Mr. Boos said when they were proposing the mulch trail, that's what they were envisioning the branch material and/or the log material as a downhill side for the mulch. With the new situation, they still may be able to use it to edge the area but it won't be the delineation of the hardscape.

Mr. Maxfield said with the explanation that Terry gave on his rebuttal and the explanations we heard tonight, is there any of these points that are still a concern to you? He's referring to point number 1 where it seems if the project itself is going to be worthwhile because it may or may not have the educational experience we are looking for, but with all the changes that Terry has mentioned and the proposed revisions, are you comfortable with this as a project now? Ms. Liggett said when they initially reviewed this, they didn't have a whole lot of information from them. They've gotten more information now. She still thinks we need to get a firmer plan and a maintenance plan, a clearer outline of that, definitely from the Township's perspective.

Mrs. Yerger said was there any determination on the actual distance from the road or is this going to require a site visit so we know if it's in the right-of-way. Ms. Liggett said she thinks it would be a good idea to do a site visit. It's not really clear from the drawings exactly where Terry's flags are located. Mrs. Yerger said that's going to be the most important factor, whether or not it's in the right-of-way and how close to the road it's going to be for safety reasons. That would be her main concern. We have to go from that point. Mr. Maxfield said the ADA issue is important too. We maybe not make a recommendation on that until we get some answers, the legal aspects and do we have to do this or do we not have to do this. Mrs. Yerger said if Terry is willing to work with Val or however this breaks out and have a site visit and go with Chris Garges, but we need to determine the right-of-way and the rest of it before we move on as far as a recommendation. Once that is determined, out of courtesy, and because the trail is a recreational facility, she thinks it would be good if Parks & Recreation reviewed it as well. Mr. Boos said he's willing to meet with whoever for a site visit. Please give him a call and other people will go out who are involved with the project as well. Mrs. Yerger said we will make a recommendation to have Township staff get in touch with Mr. Boos and arrange for a site visit.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. Yerger moved that the EAC recommends to Council to have the Township staff get in touch with Mr. Boos and arrange for a site visit at the proposed SRT Trail Head Nature Path.  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Maxfield  
**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Mr. Germanoski – Absent)

Mrs. Yerger said she hopes this is all resolved and we can look at it again in April when everything is green. She asked if there was any comment from the audience. Ms. Snyder said the picnic area that is there, she's assuming that's ADA accessible based on what you said today (could not hear her first name). That seems to be wood chips. Was there any discussion of that? Mrs. Yerger said maybe that's something that needs to be looked at the same time. Mr. Maxfield said it's very close to the parking lot. Ms. Linda Frederick said three of them are Penn State master gardeners and very involved with native plantings all over the valley. Elsa Stall couldn't come today and she has a lovely well-behaved meadow in the greenway in Bethlehem. She'll be working with them. She and Elsa are doing the Sand Island Native Plant Garden preserve along the D&L Canal. This is something they patiently believe in. That spot is a fabulous spot to introduce people to biodiversity. In terms of maintenance, they are really devoted and confirmed people to work on this project.

Mr. Hans Riemann said he's here for his yearly visit from Springfield Township. Upon seeing this native plant project that Mr. Boos is talking about, he applauds you and for people here that are speaking up for native plants. He also wants to offer his services for native plant material from Laughing Springs and more importantly, the invasive plant issue. If you need help, he's willing to spend weekend time in the spring to help.

**B. REVIEW OF BASELINE REPORTS**

Mrs. Yerger asked if anyone came in to review the baseline reports. Mr. Johnson said he had a chance to review the baseline reports. He thinks the Natural Lands Trust includes a lot of educational material. He's not sure all that educational material is really necessary in a baseline report. Heritage baseline report seems to have everything in there that seems necessary and it depending on what property you do the baseline for, you might have different things in the baseline report. The baseline report from Wildlands is probably in the middle between those two.

Mrs. Yerger did some investigating with some people at Heritage as there was a substantial difference. Apparently, theirs used to look like Natural Lands Trust and they realized when you take this to settlement and you have a property owner that has to agree to this as well, it's part of it, and they sort of over the years weaned it down to what was relevant and what needed to be cited

for that specific property. She doesn't want to defend it, but that was their explanation of the difference between the two.

Mr. Johnson said if you look at the reports, it's obvious it takes a lot more time and therefore, more expense to create the report. If you delete a lot of the educational material, that will save money in the preparation. Does the grantor have anything to say about the extent of the material in the baseline report, is he paying for any of it? Mr. Maxfield said no. The Township will be paying for it. We're spending public monies so we're looking for the best result for the least amount of money. He knows from reading educational reports at school that a lot of times when you start including historical information, education information, it becomes fluff to fill out the report so they can charge more money. He'd rather avoid the fluff and go for the good, solid product. That's not to say always go with the cheapest one, but go with the one that serves your needs the best.

Mrs. Yerger said Dru had indicated he wanted to look at the reports. If we're okay, we'll delay it another month in case he has any strong feelings. Mr. Beardsley said he was at the Township to look at them and agrees with Mr. Johnson. Heritage is adequate for what we want. Since we had a misunderstanding with Wildlands in the past, stick with Heritage. His question is if Heritage isn't our partner and if someone else like Wildlands is going to hold the easement, shouldn't they be doing the baseline? Mrs. Yerger said she honestly doesn't know. The Township would have a copy of the baseline so whoever would be the partner could always come to the easement holder and have a copy. She's assuming if Wildlands would be doing it, they would be doing the baseline. She thinks it's pretty much the rule of thumb. It's not official, and that's the part of the misunderstanding references, the baseline was done and is held by Wildlands for the property we had and had some monitoring issues. It should be whoever is holding the easement should do the baseline.

Mr. Maxfield said he views the baseline as being an integral part of the easement. If you're going to do a baseline that leads to monitoring, you have to know what you are monitoring and follow the guides of the easement. It all should be one document. He agrees it should be the same organization. What he was mentioning last time was to propose to make a recommendation of is, that we have a default setting of Heritage. Heritage is our current open space consultant, but be more than willing if someone contacts another organization first, to go that route too, not to narrow ourselves down. In the case we were talking about with Wildlands, the property owner approached Wildlands before they approached us, so what could we do.

Ms. Stanlick said she would agree. If our default setting was the most expensive or an extra burden, that would be questionable but the fact that it's a decent amount, nothing ludicrous and it's fairly thorough and does what it's supposed to do, she doesn't see a problem.

Mrs. Yerger said before we make our official recommendation, we'll wait to see if Dru has any other input.

**IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None**

**V. UPDATES/REPORTS**

**A. ADOPT-A-ROAD – SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014 @ 9:00 AM**

Mrs. Yerger said we'll meet at 9:00 AM at the bridge. Terry will probably be picking up the supplies for us, and we have one more meeting before that.

**B. NATIVE PLANT SALE DATE**

Mrs. Yerger said they already said June at the Farmer's Market. They could get a booth there. Mr. Boos said later in the season would be better. Mrs. Yerger said June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Boos said that should be fine.

**C. 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WATERSHED GREENUP – SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014 FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

Mrs. Yerger said you have a flyer on the 11<sup>th</sup> annual watershed greenup for the Cooks Creek, and the headwaters are in Lower Saucon. There's a contact on the sheet if you want to help.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014 MINUTES**

Mr. Johnson said on page 3 of 9, line 22, it says "put a swing set in the land they don't own things lie that" should read "like that". Line 28, it says "Mr. Johnson said he thinks Ron Horiszny went out with the guy because he asked if Mr. Johnson wanted to go along. What he was referring to was Mr. Horiszny's request this past year, so if we could put in there "Went out with the guy in 2013", that would be more correct. Page 4, line 22, the word should be "she knows" where her jurisdiction should be. Page 4, last sentence, remove "other" side of the mountain. Page 7, line 37, it should be "go in that direction". He'd like to make another change and it's a mistake he made when he was speaking, page 6, we were talking about the survey and he was talking about that Tom said that he thought the part of the Dravec property was surveyed and Allan said yes it was. He said the survey that the Township did was on the eastern edge of the property and actually it's on the western side of the part of the property. Mr. Maxfield said it's on page 5, line 53, should be "the western".

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of the February 11, 2014 minutes, with corrections.

**SECOND BY:** Ms. Ray

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Mr. Germanoski – Absent)

**VII. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mr. Maxfield said referring to the survey that Allan was just talking about, he did check with Hanover and they did confirm the survey was done only on one side of the property. He also asked them about the possibility of monumenting the easement areas and they said as far as they knew, there was no problem in doing that. You would have to decide to do it. Last time we talked about doing it when we actually needed to do it, but he thinks it's something we should do especially on something like the Dravec property as it's confusing to where the boundaries are where the public can go. We may want to recommend monumenting the easement corners too. Mr. Johnson said out there you have Mr. Dravec property, then proceeding south, you have the part of Mr. Dravec property which is the easement, then you have the triangle that the Township purchased and has been surveyed. Then you have all the parcels that go up the mountain. Are you just talking about the border between Mr. Dravec land and the easements or the borders that he's been talking about – some of the borders of the parcels on the side of the mountain? Mrs. Yerger said Allan is talking the neighboring properties and you think Tom is talking about the properties that were all once the Dravec properties. Mr. Johnson said if he remembers from walking around out there and looking at the drawings, he thinks they put some iron pins in to separate and show the separation between Mr. Dravec property and part of his property that is an easement. Because of the high grass, sometimes you can find them and sometimes you can't. Mrs. Yerger said she doesn't see that as imperative as he still owns both parcels. They usually don't worry about pin to pin and it's pretty much meadow if there's a violation. Mr. Maxfield said it depends as we develop some kind of recreation area there, where as a Township or EAC that we recommend the public to have access to. We have easements around the water features there, but

that may be because we don't want people messing around with the water features. We may not want to encourage the public to go down to those water features. Eventually we may just want to monument the easement areas so that if we are letting the public on to them, they know where to do. Mrs. Yerger said if they are eased properties and he owns them, then we're trespassing on his property. Mr. Maxfield said he has a feeling there are areas under easement we don't want people on. Maybe we want to monument those areas. Establish the areas to make it public friendly. Mrs. Yerger said at this point you just need to put what's township owned and what's Dravec owned. You don't want them trespassing on private property. Mr. Johnson said the adjacent neighbors on the eastern border have not been found. If you want to prevent residents from wandering off property we own, then you have to find those corners and boundaries. Mr. Maxfield said if we had a recreation area, we wouldn't want hunters all over it. We haven't opened it up to the public yet, but before we do, that needs to be addressed. Mr. Beardsley said he saw some where there were posts and it had park boundary and it was pretty easy to stay in the park area. Mr. Maxfield said he likes the idea of the tall visible pole, that makes sense. He was questioning whether we were allowed to monument something that was not an actual property line, but yes, we can. The engineer said we can. We may not need to in the future and the boundary idea may be just what we need in the future, maybe just enough to keep the public where we want them. He doesn't think we're going to avoid doing a survey forever though. We need to find out where those boundaries are.

**VIII. TERRY BOOS – HELLERTOWN REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Boos said the Harris Street Bridge has been completed and fully functional. Silver Creek is still underneath. Water Street Park will be undergoing some reconfiguration work. Right now the Borough is waiting on the final grant application from Monroe Gaming Commission. If that money comes through, the entire project will be fully funded. If it does not come through, they will be discussed phasing work there. He's guessing this year's Farmers Market will begin at its previous location. He seriously doubts it will be moving this year.

**IX. NON-AGENDA ITEMS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Hans Riemann said as Chair of the Springfield Environmental Council, they got a request for investigating a composting operation for their Township residents. Knowing you have a very well organized one for residents of Hellertown and LST, he told his group about the one up here. They asked him to go and find out about it. He contacted Mrs. Yerger to find out information and she was talking we'd have to have your Township Manager prepare copies of the composting particulars. This is strictly an information gathering mission. EAC to EAC, it would be nice if you could endorse the information request to the Township. Mrs. Yerger said he didn't ask yet, but it's on the record that he has asked on behalf of Springfield EAC that he's looking for information to work with the Manager. Mr. Riemann said instead of them starting a whole new operation down there with Township money, the idea that they could possibly cooperate with LST and Hellertown on an operation sharing costs and all our residents would benefit.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved to recommend to Council that the Manager provide to Hans Riemann of the Springfield EAC with information on the operations of the Saucon Valley Compost Center cooperative between Hellertown and Lower Saucon.

Mr. Johnson said doesn't our Township have an agreement with the Township east of us about both of them using the facility? Mr. Maxfield said Williams Township? He's not sure if they do. Mrs. Yerger said she doesn't know if it was ever finalized. She heard they might be. Mr. Boos said he thinks they were in the process of finalizing an agreement, but he's not positive. Mr. Johnson said if it's been discussed and there's been a draft proposal, then maybe it's similar to what Hans could look at and the same type of thing may be able to be done with Springfield. Mr. Boos said the only thing he could say not supporting that would be depending on how this agreement with Williams Township works out. He doesn't think there would be any problems, but if at some time an adjustment has to be made, that he doesn't know if they'd be willing to take on another partner right away, but maybe the following season. Mr. Maxfield said when you suggested the third party idea was our capacity. He knows that we have equipment contracts to share

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equipment, so there are all kinds of little details. Mrs. Yerger said this is an information request. Not a request to have it, and that's why he needs to talk to Jack. He needs a lot of information, it's fact-finding. Mr. Maxfield said with capacity, if we are going to have a third actual partner in the group, maybe we could establish two sites if capacity was an issue and maybe an area down near Springfield that would serve the residents who live closer to that area. There are all sorts of possibilities.

**SECOND BY:** Ms. Ray  
**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Mr. Germanoski – Absent)

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Hijazi moved for adjournment. The time was 8:40 P.M.  
**SECOND BY:** Ms. Ray  
**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Mr. Germanoski – Absent)

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Sandra Yerger, Chair