

I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Sandra Yerger, Chairman, presiding.

ROLL CALL: Members: Sandra Yerger, Chairman; Hazem Hijazi, Ted Beardsley, Allan Johnson, Dru Germanoski, Laura Ray; **Absent:** Sarah Stanlick. **Associate Members:** David Jauregui & Thomas Carocci; **Absent:** Michael Boyle, Cindy Oatis & Glenn Kaye. **Hellertown Liaison:** Terry Boos. **Staff:** Diane Palik. **Jr. Council EAC Member:** Ben Szydlow; **Absent:** Brynn Bambu & Katie French

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

II. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE

A. PROPERTY UPDATES

1. PROPERTY NO. 2017-1

Mrs. Yerger said this property was taken to the May 1, 2018 Council meeting in response to the offer Council authorized the staff to present to the property owner. The appraisal came in and the owner accepted the price for the easements. The next step will be to schedule a public hearing at a regular Council meeting for public presentation and discussion.

2. PROPERTY No. 2016-1

Mr. Yerger said this was approved for Federal Highlands Funding. Because it's being handled by the Federal Government, the DCNR and Federal Fish & Boat people are still going back and forth on getting the details that they agree upon in conservation easements. This has been going on for six months.

3. PROPERTY NO. 2017-5, 2017-6, 2017-7

Mr. Germanoski handed out a map of the three properties. He said most of these look undevelopable. After talking to Laura Baird, she suggested we can score them and then make a recommendation on that basis. If some of these lots between the building envelopes and wetlands that would render one or more lots undevelopable, we can score them accordingly and then talk about them. He said he will get together with the Open Space Sub Committee and go out and score them before the next meeting as individual lots. Mrs. Yerger said if they do not score high enough or there's not just enough for conservation easements, if they are truly set on doing some kind of preservation, she talked to the Township attorney and they could put deed restrictions on the properties, which they could do themselves and they don't need us to do it. Mr. Germanoski said if a developer would buy these three lots and knock the buildings down, what's the development potential? Then we're dealing with a completely hypothetical situation. Mrs. Yerger said you can't do that because you have no proof.

4. PROPERTY NO. 2017-8

Mrs. Yerger said they are waiting for an update from our Solicitor, as he was supposed to go talk to the property owner. She will see him next week and see where we are with this.

5. PROPERTY No. 2018-1

Mr. Germanoski asked if they should go out and score Property No. 2018-1. Mrs. Yerger said yes.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. MS4 UPDATES

1. DISCUSSION ON HOMEOWNERS GUIDE TO STORMWATER BMP MAINTENANCE

Mrs. Yerger said this has been put on our website.

2. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BROCHURE BY SARAH STANLICK

Mrs. Yerger said this is part of our MS4 compliance. This will be put on the website, at all the park kiosks, in the newsletter and will be handed out at Community Day in August. Mrs. Palik will send this to Jason Smith from Hanover. Mr. Germanoski said it was

suggested the radon graphic be distributed, was that an old email? Mrs. Palik said Carol was told to put it in the newsletter. Mr. Germanoski said we already did that and it was in the newsletter.

3. ENVIROSCAPE AT SV HIGH SCHOOL FOR MS4 COMPLIANCE – BEN SZYDLOW

Ben said the teachers would like to borrow this at the end of the month for two days. Ben will coordinate dates with Mrs. Yerger.

B. DISCUSSION WITH BRIAN HILLARD FROM BETHLEHEM EAC

Mr. Hillard wasn't able to attend, but a friend of his, Rachel Rosenfeld attended. Mrs. Yerger said we are working on the MS4 for the Township and gave Ms. Rosenfeld a brochure that Ms. Stanlick made. Ms. Rosenfeld said she's in the Sierra Club and going around and meeting different people to learn what they are working on and if she can help in anyway; and she's working on a campaign for clean water.

C. DISCUSSION ON FREE SEEDLINGS FOR ARBOR DAY

A Bethlehem resident called thinking it was Lower Saucon Township giving out the free seedlings. Mrs. Yerger said the trees are very small and may not all be PA natives, and the deer probably will eat them. She encountered this at another municipality. She's not sure of the benefit at this point. Mr. Boos said one good thing about trees that small is they are easy to get in the ground and relatively easy to maintain and not dealing with transplant shock. Mr. Germanoski said he received some sprigs, and out of a dozen, three of the dogwoods are thriving and flowering. He was amazed at how well they did. Mrs. Yerger said we can think about this next year as it takes place in April.

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None

V. UPDATES/REPORTS

A. TERRY BOOS REPORT – HELLERTOWN REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Boos said the Farmers Market opened this past Sunday and there was a good turnout, above average from previous years. The vendors were very happy.

B. UPDATE ON THE RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP – MAY 5, 2018

Mrs. Yerger said we did a joint venture with the SV Watershed Association and said there were 17 rain barrels constructed by Township residents. Rain barrels are a benefit to residents by helping to reduce storm water and pollution runoff. Everyone seemed very happy. Mr. Boos said there's an order of two more for someone who couldn't be there.

C. 2018 MOBILE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT – LEHIGH TSP – MAY 12TH

D. NC HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS EVENT – MAY 19TH

E. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION APPRECIATION PICNIC – JUNE 4TH FROM 6 TO 8PM

Mrs. Yerger said if you are going to the picnic, please let Diane know.

VI. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES

MOTION BY: Mr. Hijazi moved for approval of the April 10, 2018 minutes.

SECOND BY: Mr. Beardsley

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent: Sarah Stanlick)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mr. Hijazi moved for adjournment. The time was 7:38 p.m.

SECOND BY: Mr. Germanoski

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent: Sarah Stanlick)