

I. OPENING

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:03 PM, 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, Ted Beardsley, Laura Ray, & Dru Germanoski; Absent: Hazem Hijazi. **Associate Members:** Michael Boyle & Thomas Carocci; Absent: David Jauregui, Sarah Stanlick, & Glenn Kaye. **Hellertown Liaison:** Terry Boos. **Jr. Council Member:** Absent: Kyle Bambu.
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mrs. Yerger said the EAC members will be going into Executive Session to discuss properties. The time was 7:01 PM. The EAC members reconvened. The time was 7:35 PM. Mr. Beardsley said they scored Property No. 2015-2 today. He said they found out some more information that might increase the score, but the Sub-Committee felt that there was enough conservation value there to recommend to Council that it be considered for conservation easement if Springfield Township is going to fund the rest of it. It's contingent upon that.

II. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE

A. PROPERTY UPDATES

MOTION BY: Ms. Ray moved that the Environmental Advisory Council Sub-Committee recommend to Council preservation of Property No. 2015-2 based on their scoring of it today, June 9, 2015.

SECOND BY: Mr. Germanoski

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent – Mr. Hijazi)

Mrs. Yerger said with regard to Property No. 2015-3, that was discussed in Executive Session, does she have a motion?

MOTION BY: Mr. Germanoski moved that the EAC recommends to Council that Property No. 2015-3 be purchased.

SECOND BY: Mr. Beardsley

ROLL CALL: 5-0 (Abstained as it's close to his property – Mr. Maxfield; Absent – Mr. Hijazi)

Mrs. Yerger said there's information on Property No. 2015-1 on a PNDI search. She did the research and there are no threatened or endangered species listed on the property, so that is no longer a concern. Mr. Beardsley said there wasn't enough value as only one house could be built there anyway, and the development value is going to be small. It would be unlikely that they would want to sell us a conservation easement, so he has offered to sell it outright.

MOTION BY: Mr. Beardsley moved that the EAC recommends to Council that Council or their Solicitor should evaluate and investigate Property No. 2015-1, and see what it would cost to buy the property.

SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield

Mr. Johnson said the property has valuable resources. He thinks it's worth trying to buy. Mr. Beardsley said the piece of property is small enough that what we would pay for a conservation easement wouldn't be a significant amount for him to do that.

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent – Mr. Hijazi)

III. NEW BUSINESS – None

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None

V. UPDATES/REPORTS

A. PENNEAST UPDATES

Mrs. Yerger said there is a meeting tomorrow night at the Penn State extension in Center Valley. Mr. Johnson said he will be attending. Mr. Maxfield said PennEast called us wanting to meet with us and we asked them for a public meeting and they didn't want to do that. It will be Council meeting with PennEast representatives and our Environmental Attorney will be attending and will also be attending any of the PennEast meetings.

B. NATIVE PLANT SALE – JUNE 14TH @ SAUCON VALLEY FARMERS MARKET – 9 AM TO 1 PM

Mrs. Yerger said Mark Bromley is very happy to supply the native plants for the sale. He suggested we move it back by a couple of events because of the summer bloomers will be in full bloom. He will include shrubs and some small trees and he will deliver and is giving us a substantial discount. We will donate all proceeds to the Saucon Water Creek Association. The new date will be Sunday, June 28th. If anyone can give us a hand at the Farmer's Market, let her know.

C. FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT – AUGUST 1, 2015 @ HEINTZELMAN FUNERAL HOME – 9 AM TO NOON

Mrs. Yerger said spread the word on this recycling event.

D. COMMUNITY DAY – AUGUST 22ND @ DIMMICK PARK – 10 AM TO 5 PM

Mrs. Yerger said Community Day is August 22nd.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY 12, 2015 MINUTES

MOTION BY: Mr. Germanoski moved for approval of the May 12, 2015 minutes.

SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent – Mr. Hijazi)

VII. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – None

VIII. TERRY BOOS – HELLERTOWN REPRESENTATIVE – REPORT – Mr. Boos said the Farmer's Market has been open for the past month and the site at the library is working out pretty well. There are some issues with the one-way alley and parking, but people seem to enjoy the site. Things are going well and hopefully that will continue. On the Water Street configuration, all the underground work has been completed and it should be ready to go at the end of July 2015.

IX. NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Ms. Ray moved for adjournment. The time was 7:54 P.M.

SECOND BY: Mr. Beardsley

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent – Mr. Hijazi)

Sandra Yerger, Chair