

I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Hazem Hijazi, Vice Chairman, presiding.

ROLL CALL: Members: Hazem Hijazi, Vice Chairman; Ted Beardsley, Dru Germanoski, Allan Johnson; Absent: Laura Ray, Sarah Stanlick & Sandra Yerger. **Associate Members:** Thomas Carocci, David Jauregui (7:05 p.m.), Jordan Davco & Glenn Kaye (7:25 p.m.); Absent: Michael Boyle.

Hellertown Liaison: Terry Boos. Mr. Hijazi introduced the **Jr. Council members** for the 2017-2018 school year, Katie French and Ben Szydlow, absent was Brynn Bambu.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – No Executive Session.

II. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE

A. PROPERTY UPDATES

Mr. Beardsley said the EAC Sub-Committee will try to walk and inspect two or three of the new properties proposed for preservation before the next meeting. He'll go over the dates with the Sub-Committee. Property No. 2017-1, it's a family farm which has been split up amongst relatives, and he's trying to put it back together and preserve it. This one adjoins properties that these property owners own already across the street from the high school that we already bought and this hooks up with Polk Valley Park.

Mr. Johnson said on the Seifert property on Martins Lane, he saw someone surveying it. They voted at the Council meeting to approve the Seifert property.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. MS4 UPDATES

Chris Garges is working with Hanover to make sure we are in compliance. Mr. Germanoski said we had a conversation a year ago where we would provide some educational sessions for the public. That's what Ms. Stanlick will work on, and Mr. Germanoski will help her.

B. DISCUSSION ON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE PUBLIC (SEE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP'S ATTACHED)

Mr. Beardsley said this report talks about conservations easements and what we've done with the money so far.

Mr. Germanoski was explaining to the Jr. Council members about the properties in the report; and said one of the biggest purchases was the Woodland Hills Country Club, which is now about a 140 acre preserve. It kept 70 houses out of there. When you read this report, it'll get you up-to-date with what the EAC has been doing. They put together a flyer on the Open Space program as it was up for vote last November, and it passed.

Mr. Johnson said it also protects our watershed as a lot of us out in the Wassergass area have wells.

Mr. Germanoski said we should all read this for our next meeting and go over it and by then we should have the figures from the Township. He said the next agenda item is the management plan and these two go hand in hand. He doesn't know how we can comment on this as this shows Phase I improvements and they have not indicated on here which of these items have been completed or not, so it's difficult for him to comment on where we are with Phase II without knowing what has been done with Phase I. It's as simple as someone going through here and putting check marks next to the items that have been completed and let us know what has been done.

Mr. Hijazi said the EAC needs the Township to complete and fill in the missing information in the draft report (acreage, pie charts, dollars, etc.) if this is supposed to be given to the public. The EAC will review the draft report and discuss this at the next meeting; and then forward it to Council for their approval.

C. WOODLAND HILLS – REVIEW OF NEXT PHASE OF MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Hijazi said the EAC needs the Township to provide an update on completed items in the improvement list, so this will be tabled. He will send an email to Sandy and the EAC will discuss this at the next meeting. He said let's make sure everyone reads this for the next meeting.

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None

V. UPDATES/REPORTS

A. TERRY BOOS – HELLERTOWN REPRESENTATIVE

He said the Farmers Market is going well. He sees a bald eagle down when he's doing prep work for the Farmers Market. Mr. Hijazi asked about the timing on the Water Street Bridge. Terry Boos said it will be replaced in the summer of 2019. They also opened the trestle bridge on High Street to Ravenna Street but you can't cross the second bridge by the creek as it's blocked off.

Mr. Beardsley said the County is talking about replacing the bridge on Meadows Road; and apparently, a few years ago, the Historical Society and some other people started talking to the County about not replacing the bridge so there's a whole controversy about it. It also gets flooded there and they have to close the road. The signs are also placed at the wrong places as you are already on the road and then it says it's a 6 ton bridge, where are you supposed to turn around. The truck drivers GPS's are sending them down that way all the time.

B. NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT – OCTOBER 14, 2017 – 8:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Hijazi said he'd like to have an recycling event with our Township one of these days.

VI. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2017 MINUTES

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Germanoski each had one correction, line 6 take out the absent, and line 32 it should be municipalities.

MOTION BY: Mr. Beardsley moved for approval of May 9, 2017 minutes, with corrections.

SECOND BY: Mr. Johnson

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent – Sandra Yerger, Laura Ray and Sarah Stanlick)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mr. Beardsley moved for adjournment. The time was 7:45 p.m.

SECOND BY: Mr. Germanoski

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent – Sandra Yerger, Laura Ray and Sarah Stanlick)

Hazem Hijazi, Vice Chair