

I. OPENING

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 7:01 P.M., at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Sandra Yerger, Chairman, presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Members:** Chairman, Sandra Yerger, Vice Chairman, Tom Maxfield, Secretary, Dennis Aranyos, Ted Beardsley, Allan Johnson. Absent: Laura Ray & Hazem Hijazi **Associate Members:** Absent: Glenn Kaye, Bob Davis, Tom McCormick, and Glenn Clouser. **Hellertown Liaison:** Terry Boos – Absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. POLK VALLEY PARK SWALE AND BASIN NATURALIZATION & DETENTION BASIN PLANTINGS

Mrs. Yerger said this is something that we had asked them to look into for the Polk Valley Park, the big detention basins out there to naturalize them, both for environmental reasons as well as reduce the mowing costs and to make them a lot more attractive than they are with just mowed turf grass.

Ms. Ogur, Township Planner, said they provided two memos. The first memo is the basin naturalization information, which is just the generic overview of basic naturalization if you wanted to implement it through the entire township, how you would go about getting community outreach and education, the technical design elements of implementing it, which also includes some information on funding options. The second memo is specific to implementing basin naturalization in Polk Valley Park. It appears that many of the existing swale areas are already to be planted with a natural wetland meadow mix per the landscape plans, which will happen during Phase IV of landscaping. Some additional elements would be more wetland meadow seeding, planting plugs in surrounded inlets to slow the inflow of storm water, some additional gates and fencing around these areas for maintenance purposes. Mr. Maxfield asked about the gates around the entrance? The one suggested is around the detention pond? Ms. Ogur said yes, probably for safety reasons to keep people from walking over there and if they have high vegetation. Mr. Maxfield said in that sloped side, they could use park fence over there. If we could get away with as little fencing as possible there, it would be great. Mrs. Yerger said the upper slope would not need fencing. When we first talked about this, it's not for functionality; it's more for cosmetic reasons and habitat and to reduce the cost of mowing. It's not wet bottom to reduce or to mitigate water. It's cosmetic basically. Functionality would have had to been designed into it in the beginning. Mr. Maxfield said that makes it even less reason to have fencing. If someone tumbles down to water, that's different than tumbling down to a dry area. Mrs. Yerger said she thinks there would be a minimal amount of residents in our area that would go wandering through the wild brush, etc.

Mrs. Yerger asked if there were any comments or questions for Ms. Ogur? No one raised their hand.

Mrs. Yerger said the one memo it talks about community education. She doesn't know if we would want to get involved with that or not. It's something we could do, maybe an article in the newsletter. Ms. Ogur said if you want to use them as an educational type thing that would be community outreach, things like that. Mr. Johnson said we have another detention pond on

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McCarra's property. We can work on that one. Mrs. Yerger said we can put some functionality into that one.

Mrs. Yerger said do we want to take any kind of action on this? Mr. Maxfield said he would like to include in a motion that we endorse the naturalization of Polk Valley Park swales and detention basins and we would also make the additional recommendation of the application of minimal fencing, as minimal as possible. The fencing is going to be split rail with ½ inch mesh. Mr. Maxfield said the little triangle area on the map, that whole area is a drainage area from the pond. There are two pipes there; one that goes directly into the stream and one that is out that area and flows cross country. Could we leave that area as grass and natural as possible so it absorbs that stuff and so we don't have to mow it or disturb it? Mr. Johnson said you don't show Polk Valley Run. Mrs. Yerger said it's on the map and it was an area in question of who owned it.

- MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved recommend the plans be revised to propose minimal fencing around the existing basins and that the triangular area along Polk Valley Road dedicated by the Saucon Valley School District remain a naturalized condition.
- SECOND BY:** Mr. Johnson
- ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Hijazi and Ms. Ray – Absent)

Mr. Johnson said the reason he asks about Polk Valley Run is there is a mud pond there which is a man made pond. Mr. Maxfield said it's not ours and we don't own it. Mr. Johnson said that could use some remediation.

**Glenn Kaye arrived. The time was 7:15 PM.**

Mr. Johnson said that costs money to do it. Mr. Maxfield said we'd have to buy it and it would be expensive.

**III. DEVELOPER ITEMS**

**A. ADAMS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING - PLAN COMPLETENESS REVIEW**

Mrs. Yerger said we have a copy of a memo from the Northampton County Conservation District talking about some incompleteness to the erosion and sedimentary controls for their opposed plan for a billboard. Are there any comments or questions? Mr. Johnson said we don't have anything to do with that. It's amazing they have all these things to do to just put up a billboard, but he guesses it's a pretty massive tower. Mrs. Yerger said and yes, it's heavy. Mr. Maxfield said what we've done in the past is comply with the recommendation of Northampton County Conservation District.

- MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved that Adams Outdoor Advertising comply with and encourage them to meet all the outstanding conditions as stated in the Northampton County Conservation District letter dated October 16, 2008.
- SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger
- ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Hijazi and Ms. Ray – Absent)

**B. STEPHEN HEISS – ESTATES AT STONEHURST – TECHNICAL DEFICIENCIES**

Mrs. Yerger said we have a letter dated September 30, 2008 citing technical deficiencies. She believes they changed it to the Estates of Hearthstone. We'll call it Hearthstone/Stonehurst.

- MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved that Stephen Heiss – Estates at Hearthstone/Stonehurst comply with the conditions of Northampton County Conservation District letter dated September 30, 2008.

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**SECOND BY:** Ted Beardsley  
**ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Hijazi and Ms. Ray – Absent)

**IV. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2009 MEETING DATES FOR EAC**

Mrs. Yerger said we have to look at the meeting dates for next year. In November again, we have to move it to the second Tuesday. If we want to consider moving it to Election Day, we can move it back. These dates are all the first Tuesday of the month.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Aranyos moved for approval of the dates listed on the October 24, 2009 memo for the 2009 calendar year, all dates are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM with the exception of November, which will be the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Johnson  
**ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Hijazi and Ms. Ray – Absent)

**B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2008 MINUTES**

Mrs. Yerger said we have the minutes of October 7, 2008. She said she has sent Diane some corrections to who was discussing what with the Mease Farm. She will get with Diane to correct that part of the minutes.

Mr. Johnson said on page 5, line 42, it says “the Skrabrin property”, it should be “the Skrabin property”. He also mentions on page 6, line 2 and 6, it says Springhill Town Road, it should be Springtown Hill Road. On page 7, line 36, he believes Ms. Ray was talking about storm water catch basins and not detention basins. On page 7, line 53, the last phrase and the first phrase on line 1 of the next page was repeated. The one sentence needs to be crossed out. Page 8, line 6, it says it’s the size of about 2” thick and 3” long and is a big hunk”. Hunk should be changed to “chunk”. Change size to “It would be about the sizes of”. Page 8, line 53, cost effective, it should be cost-effective. Mr. Beardsley said page 6, line 44, Mr. Beardsley said “he left a message for Chris that they wanted to develop a map of all the open space and all of the proposed preservation easements and then ones that we are interested in that we don’t know about yet. Mrs. Yerger said if it’s helpful for you to have these maps, let Chris know as he’s very helpful.” It should read: Mr. Beardsley said he left a message for Chris that they wanted to develop a map of all the protected open space and all of the proposed preservation easements and then ones that we are interested in. Mrs. Yerger said if it’s helpful for you to have these maps, let Chris know as he’s very helpful.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Johnson moved for approval of the October 7, 2008 minutes, with corrections.  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Aranyos  
**ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Hijazi and Ms. Ray – Absent)

**C. IESI CORPORATION & BRE – GRAND OPENING CEREMONY – 11/21/08 AT 11:00 am**

Mrs. Yerger said this is more of an information piece if you want to go to the IESI Grand Opening Ceremony. Please let Leslie know as they’d like to know who will be coming. Let her know by next Friday, November 19, 2008.

**VI. UPDATES/REPORTS**

**A. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE**

Mr. Beardsley said they really don't have anything to report. They didn't get to the Mease property. He will call Vanscavage and let them know we are interested in his property as he does have a portion of the headwaters of the Cooks Creek on his property. Mr. Johnson said is that on Lower Saucon or Bucks County? Mrs. Yerger said it straddles both Bucks and Lower Saucon Township.

**B. UPDATE ON THE E HOUSE**

Mrs. Yerger said we have an update on the E House. Mr. Steve Hoog, from Alliance for Sustainable Communities was present. He will be talking about a part of the exterior of the E House which is being designed for food production. He handed out a packet with a map which was a throw in for reference. It was one of his initial drawings for what would possibly happen on the exterior part of the E House. A lot of things have changed, so it's merely changed in tonight for reference, so you know what he's talking about. To review, we're retrofitting the E House and the exterior is being designed for food production at a home. We had a series of workshops in the summer to take different aspects of the exterior and discuss it further and make some decisions. It turned out that some of the cases we came to a conclusion and others we needed to do more research. He had a meeting in September with Jack Cahalan and Judy Stern Goldstein and it was decided to come here and give a report of an area that we would like to maybe start work on this fall, in November or early December. His plan is about March to have a full report about the whole exterior so you can look at it and approve, disapprove or give comment on it so they can get moving in the spring. The area tonight he wants to look at is between the garage and the police garage. If you look at the map, you see the E House and you see the driveway and the garage that the police are using is blackened out and then there's a space in there that says Elder, Apple, Hazel and Compost and then there's the police garage. What he's done is he redesigned that. The reason he's giving the report is they'd like to lay down a sheet mulch for that area which would consist of newspaper, cardboard, compost, and some rotted horse manure and layer that and allow it to naturally decompose as part of the lay of building that soil up. Then the plan in the Spring would be to plant some of the trees he has mentioned in the report. The next two pages where it says E Houses Exterior and Orchard Report, those are the two key pages here. For example, one of the first things is that right along the edge between the garage and the police garage and that would be the southeastern edges of both, the plan is to put in a living Willow fence. This is part of an idea about enclosing off that northern area with a fence on the other side, which he'll report to you later in the Spring. This was the first aspect of that fencing. The idea was to put in a living fence, something that was growing. There is a tentative pathway and people if they were in the area of the park, they could come down and walk to the E House and check out what was going on and also people who would walk down from the parking lot. The last four pages are just some examples of living Willow fences, and in the report he does, he also gives some websites that are examples of other living fences. He hasn't come up with the exact design on that, but there are some examples he's checked out and they'll review those and do them in the spring. Next, the idea is to put in two Paw Paw trees and two Mulberry trees. He's put in the approximate heights and widths, etc. and then some Hazelnuts up by the police garage. There's an area that goes up on top near the police garage and there's also a flat area and a fence. The plan was to put four Hazelnuts in and then some Dwarf Quints and they are small. He showed where all the trees would go. There's a slope and the plan is to put a beneficial mix there and what it does is, it's a series of plants that come up at different times. Some are annual, some are perennial, and they attract beneficial insects into the area and that's a way to protect from some of the disease which some of the plants will get. It's designed so you'll attract them all year long. He's looking at putting some Gooseberry's in. The whole area, early in the Spring, they will plant it in Clover for nitrogen fixation and keep building up the soil. They will be mixing in some walking onion plants, some Yarrow, and there's a possibility before these trees get mature, they may use some of the space to grow some annual vegetables.

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Mrs. Yerger said she read that you were using the Willow for a deer deterrent. She hopes they don't like that Willow as much as they like the Willow at her place. We have a huge and active deer population here. It looks very suburban, but they come down off the mountain and they are here. Mr. Hoog said they were working with the Boy Scouts one time and doing a survey in the area to see how deer acted with the people in the area, but it was never followed up on. In terms of maintenance, he's committed to maintain it, and Lee Buck, who is a local resident who has come to a lot of the workshops we did in the summertime, is willing to come. We also have been in conversation with the Lehigh Valley Co-Op to possibly do a cooperative gardening project throughout the Lehigh Valley and have this be one of the projects. That's a possibility we are working on. They are trying to get a grant, so that may help with some of the expenses on this if it goes through. The idea on the rest of it is to either work with the Co-Op on the rest of the food production project or find somebody locally before we actually get going on an area so that they will maintain it. Right now, the Co-Op are the main people we are in touch with.

Mr. Maxfield said the living Willow fence, how tall will it get? Mr. Hoog said it depends what you start with. He's looking to make it eight feet at this point. Mr. Johnson said are you thinking of making that Willow fence into a woven hedge? Mr. Hoog said yes. One option is to put holes in the ground and plant Willow stems and have locust poles be put in and take the stems and weave them together and allow them to grow. If we can find it overgrows and we need to cut stems off, we might be able to find people that will do some weaving. Mr. Maxfield said we need a formalized plan for you to submit that we could send to our Planner's to check out and then go from there. Mrs. Yerger said this looks fine, the concept plan, but Mr. Hoog is talking in terms of starting soon. Mr. Hoog said that was the hope to be able to start with the sheet mulch. It's the area that runs from the southeast edge of the E House garage and would go up past the end of the garage and go into the unmowed area. There's grassy side on the other side. Mr. Maxfield said there is an area that we have some native plantings, and we'd like to go in there and identify what we have as there are some nice plants that we have spent a lot of money on. Mr. Hoog said he was hoping to use that area for some plantings, so as soon as you decide what you want to keep, they can work around that. Mrs. Yerger said some of it has died back, and we will have to establish a boundary. Mr. Hoog said the sheet mulching wouldn't get into that area. It would just hit the grass area and right where the unmowed area is, we would stop.

Mr. Johnson said you mentioned using manure. Is that going to have an odor that people might complain about? Mr. Hoog said it was slightly aged manure, and he hasn't seen it. It wouldn't have as much of a smell.

Mr. Maxfield said he's trying to figure out what process we should follow. We make the recommendation to Council to proceed or not to proceed. What do these guys do next? Do we need that formal plan to submit to Council? Mrs. Yerger said she doesn't know what the discussion was with Judy Stern Goldstein and Jack Cahalan. To send it back to staff, she doesn't want to put Mr. Hoog through this and send him in circles. If you could formalize the plan or even just the small section you want to do within the next six months and document, she doesn't mind recommending if Staff reviews it until it goes on to Council. Mr. Maxfield said our next Council meeting is November 19. If these guys want to put down mulch, they'll have to do it before it starts getting rainy and snowy. She asked if they could have five or six copies for Council for the next Council meeting. She asked if he could come to that meeting and they could get him put on the Council agenda for next week. We can make the recommendation, but we are only the recommending body. Mr. Maxfield said we have to follow a certain process. It has to go through Council. Mrs. Yerger said if you can get this in by Thursday to Leslie or Jack, it can get into the Council packet for Council's review for next Wednesday's meeting. Council needs to know what is happening in that small section within the next three to six months. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM, it would be good for them to come to the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved that the Alliance for Sustainable Communities present their proposal for activities at the E-House site to the Lower Saucon Township Council.  
**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger  
**ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Hijazi and Ms. Ray – Absent)

**C. COOKS CREEK REPORT FROM BARRY ISETT**

Mrs. Yerger said this will be tabled. She will try to shoot an email and let them know that Lower Saucon Township is not in Lehigh County.

**D. OPEN SPACE WORKSHOP – NOVEMBER 13, 2008 AT 7:00 PM**

Mrs. Yerger said there is an Open Space Workshop on EIT's. You are welcome to come, but it's a reiteration of what Lower Saucon has done. We are actually one of the featured municipalities because of our successful EIT referendum for Open Space funding.

**VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- ❖ Mr. Johnson said you asked the Open Space Committee to look at the brochure and it's okay with him. Mrs. Yerger said she wanted to see if there were any issues with it as they probably are going to make copies of it and include it for the information for people that are interested in open space preservation for their property.
- ❖ Mrs. Yerger asked if everyone got a copy of the "Draft Road Maintenance Policy"? She said she's not sure why we got it and were asked to please review it for the next meeting. Mr. Maxfield said he thinks this discussion started way back with Silver Creek Road. What happened was the Township wanted to establish a set of standards because at that point in time, it was kind of patch and band aid work on the roads. Roger Rasich knew what he was doing, but not everyone else did. There are some things in here which will affect the environment in different ways, so we need to just look at it.
- ❖ Mrs. Yerger asked if everyone got a copy of the Penn State Extension Program? Everyone said they received a copy.
- ❖ Mrs. Yerger said this Thursday, November 13, she will be going before the Northampton County Open Space Committee and presenting the Whitetail Bowman Club for funding. If they are in favor, then they will pass that on to Council. It's at Northampton County Community College at 4:00 PM.
- ❖ Ms. Ogur said she was looking into some of the requests of the EAC regarding the natural areas inventory update and the exceptional value. She did complete two memos and just submitted them to Jack, but they haven't been distributed yet. The first is regarding the natural areas inventory update. It was requested we incorporate the additional areas into the open space plan. We have three options available on how to do that. The first being able to create a natural areas map to be included as an addendum, similar to the one she showed the EAC members. The second would be to create a map and also provide a brief description of these additional natural resource areas as identified by Northampton County and also as an addendum with just its own section to the back. The third option would be your full study which would be an analysis of the Open Space Plan and a rewrite. There are several sections based on a preliminary analysis of the Open Space Plan. There are sections that would require updating. There's a section which has summaries of the natural areas. Section 5 would present an opportunity to start tying in existing natural resources with these natural areas and then finally, the Open Space Preservation checklist would be recommended to be amended and include the natural areas inventory, being an area, and if the

property falls into one of those areas. Jack Cahalan is looking for direction at which option you would be willing to look into. Obviously, the third option would be the most expensive and time consuming as it would be a full analysis and an overhaul of the Open Space Plan. Mrs. Yerger said can we do a revision of the checklist and the map with the explanations and add one other small area to the checklist for these guys so it could help them out. Ms. Ogur said she was considering No. 18 on the checklist parcels exist in an area recommended for preservation by township NRI or an Open Space Preservation focus area and be adding into that specific one. Mr. Maxfield said why wouldn't we just be expanding that list and it would still fall under the same thing. There is some going to be NIA areas, they will just be added to the list. Mrs. Yerger said they are not all NIA areas. Mr. Maxfield said they are not NIA areas from our NRI area, but they are natural areas that we have inventory. They are just not sited by that first specific study, but they are on the list that is referenced. Mrs. Yerger said she would personally feel more comfortable if they would define those lists a little clearer. Mr. Maxfield said he thought that was what the update narrative was supposed to be – a definition description. Mrs. Yerger said we have NRI, and now we have this list now which has expanded. No. 18 needs to clarify what lists we feel are important enough to boost the potential property up. Ms. Ogur said it seems like some of the boundaries are definite overlaps between the updated NIA and the Township NRI, but they are two separate. Mr. Maxfield said as we discover more sites, we constantly update the list all the time. It's the six sites that are the additional sites. Mrs. Yerger said she'd rather have it more defined on what lists we are talking about. Mr. Maxfield said if that's the case, maybe we want to go backwards a little bit and include the actual NRI as part of the Open Space Plan. Right now it's part of the Comp Plan which doesn't get handed out all the time. The sites are referenced there and the reason the sites were chosen, are not in there. There's information at the township on plant material that is referenced in the NRI and it won't be in there. He'd like the NRI as an addendum to the Open Space Plan and then expanding it with your update narrative and expand it with your language. Mr. Maxfield said the Open Space Plan, existing NRI that is currently an addendum in the Comp Plan, take this and add it and take sections out of this, like No. 18 wherever you need to expand, add them as minimally as possible and the least expensive way. Mrs. Yerger said take the NRI in the back of the Open Space Plan with an addendum. Put these small new areas in the back with an explanation and update the map and change No. 18 on the checklist. Ms. Ogur said there would be a new separate map for the NIA areas, we're not adding on to the existing maps. Mr. Johnson said he just wants it to be accurate. Mrs. Yerger said you need to tell us what you need. If you need a rewrite, let us know. Ms. Ogur said it's not a definition of the full blown study. Mr. Johnson said he thinks all the maps should be updated and back in the scoring sheet, any additional maps you add, you want to include on these notes. Right now it says A13-A18, if you are going to add additional maps, you have to change that also. Mrs. Yerger said we also have the whole issue pending about the EV Wetlands, how is that going to affect this? Ms. Ogur said from her analysis, there are no federal or state regulations for EV Wetlands. Your best option for protecting EV Wetlands is at the local level, and right now, your ordinance is 100% preservation for wetlands plus you have your riparian corridor ordinance. Mr. Maxfield said it's only 85% for preservation. Ms. Ogur said 85% is margins. Wetlands are 100% and buffers are 85% and buffers right now are 50 feet. Based on an analysis and looking at Tincicum Township, they have a zoning ordinance that specifically addresses EV wetlands. They extended, as an additional precaution, the buffer from 50 feet for regular wetlands, 75 feet for EV wetlands. Ms. Ogur said the wetlands adjacent to the Saucon Creek have been identified as EV wetlands based on a criterion having to do with a wild trout stream or water quality has exceptional value. The Army Corp and DEP have to go through a permit process with the Army Corp of Engineers, and Army Corp of Engineers works off the Clean Water Act and that Act doesn't have a specific protection rate or buffer requirements, it's just kind of generic type of permit. Mr. Maxfield said we could raise the buffer around EV wetlands. It will be in his report next week at the Council meeting. Mr. Johnson said this overview map has to be updated to show all of this new stuff and new areas and if they overlap any of the old areas, then it could be done color coded. Mr. Maxfield said it's still the same area, it's just bigger now. Why don't we call it

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the new name, whatever you want to call it or the old name, whatever you want to call it, but it's still one big area. Mr. Johnson said you could cross hatch where the two areas meet. Mr. Maxfield said we don't need to do that, if there's an old area and a new area, you just combine them into one area. Mr. Johnson said what do you call them then? Mr. Maxfield said he doesn't care what you call it, it's the same area. It doesn't matter, it's still the same area...making it as simple as possible. Mrs. Yerger said you also have to take it back and you are going to be citing these as they are an EV wetland, you have to have it right. Mr. Maxfield said a lot of these areas have nebulous overlapping and you are going to have to find out where these areas overlap. Mr. Johnson said they use these maps a lot. Mrs. Yerger said that's the way Northampton County looks at it to fund the property. They will go by those nebulous lines. That's a fact and the way they do it. Mr. Wirth said have you looked into David H. Eisenhart's farm located next to Spring Valley Inn? He talked to them and there's a large portion of that which has a stream that comes off a mountain and runs behind the garage and dumps behind Casilio's house. Mr. Benner has tried to get that property as he owns the Girl Scout camp. Mrs. Yerger said if he's interested in preservation, let the township know. Mr. Maxfield said we need to resolve this in the simplest way. If you have an overlap, it's one source, one protected area, map the areas out and have the overlap shown – fine, but then we're into study. We can recommend that, but we have to make sure this is the clearest responsible way. Mr. Jonson said the maps have to be cleared so when they do their evaluation, they can tell if a property is in an area or it isn't, and that helps us determine how valuable it is from an environmental viewpoint. Mr. Maxfield said if you go back and read the minutes, Rick Tralies explained that when he put the Open Space Plan map together they purposely didn't end at people's properties; they were the larger generalized area. Mr. Beardsley said whatever the feature is you are looking at, it doesn't end at a property. You can put in the narrative part that it's such and such, also known as or identified on the county plan as, and you can do that on an addendum. Mrs. Yerger said Alan relies on the maps a lot, so we need the areas to be mapped at the largest extent and have the new larger area designated on a new map. Ms. Ogur said she's pretty sure a new map can be created with this layer on it and we already have that. She can do hatch marks or one shade of green that is NRI and one shade of green for NRA. Mr. Beardsley said maybe it's not a big of a deal to have two separate maps. Mr. Maxfield said can we have two different maps and one consolidated map? Ms. Ogur said she's sure it's doable. Mrs. Yerger said this is what she has so far: NRI – Add to Open Space Plan as an addendum; Brief explanation on NAI areas as an addendum; update No. 18 on the evaluation form to incorporate and list new areas. The one thing we still haven't decided is to have a combined map for NRI and NAI areas or do separate maps. Mr. Beardsley said you are going to have to look at the mechanics of doing that. Ms. Ogur said she could probably do the three maps. Mr. Maxfield said the useful map is going to be the combined map.

**Recommendations by the EAC:**

- Update the Open Space Plan and that the Lower Saucon NRI be added to the Open Space Plan as an Addendum.
- A brief explanation on the new LVPC NAI areas be added to the Open Space Plan as a second addendum.
- Update the No. 18 on the evaluation form to incorporate the new areas on the LVPC NIA.
- Do a combined map of both the NIA and NRI areas in Lower Saucon Township unless deemed impossible or unpractical by our Township Planner including to update Page A13 – A18 in the current Open Space Plan.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. Yerger moved for recommendations as stated above.  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Johnson  
**ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Hijazi and Ms. Ray – Absent)

Mr. Maxfield said if he's going to bring up the EV Wetlands next week at the Township meeting, should he say it's an EAC recommendation to do it? Mrs. Yerger said yes. Can we

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make the EV Wetlands stand alone or do we need to incorporate into the Open Space Plan. We'd like 75 feet instead of 50 feet for EV Wetlands. Why don't you then make that the recommendation to Council.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved that we recommend to Council that the zoning ordinance be amended to expand from 50 feet to 75 feet protection for the EV Wetlands which are contiguous wetlands along the side of the Saucon Creek, both branches.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger

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

- ❖ Mr. Beardsley said he wishes Laura Ray was here. Do you know about free cycle? You put [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) and you put in your zip code and you'll come up with Bethlehem free cycle. The whole idea is to keep stuff out of the landfill. It's stuff that you don't use anymore and it's setting in your basement or your garage and you're giving it away. No money can change hands. You can put something you want on there, or you can put on as much stuff as you want to get rid of. He was looking for an area rug and he got a free one. He needed it temporarily. You can just give something. This stuff has to be free. He wants to get Laura to put a link on our website. You might find it interesting. Go on the website and check it out.
- ❖ There is a copy that Jack Cahalan left of the porous concrete that is being used in Park Valley Park and it is supposed to wear better than the pavement and it's much better for the environment.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Beardsley moved for adjournment. The time was 8:35 PM.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Kaye

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Mr. Hijazi and Ms. Ray – Absent)

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Sandra Yerger, Chairman