

I. **OPENING**

CALL TO ORDER: The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7:14 PM, at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Tom Maxfield, Vice Chairman, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Members: Tom Maxfield, Vice Chairman; Ted Beardsley, Laura Ray, Dru Germanoski; Absent: Colin Guerra, Alan Johnson & Sandra Yerger; **Associate Members:** Hazem Hijazi, Absent: Glenn Kay; **Planner:** Absent (not needed); **Hellertown Liaison:** Terry Boos; **Jr. Council Member:** Vacant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. **OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE**

A. **PROPERTY UPDATES**

- Mr. Beardsley said Mr. Maxfield had mentioned the ridge behind the landfill as a potential place to acquire some conservation easements. They have a list of property owners from Chris Garges. Mr. Beardsley drafted a letter that could be revised. He said we were talking once before if we go out and want to get in touch with people with more than ten acres of land, something like this can be used for that. He's open for suggestions for the wording on it. He said they were trying to figure out how to best approach the landowner as driving up their driveway isn't a good idea, so a letter would get the EAC some kind of response from at least one or two people. Mr. Maxfield said we can put it on EAC letterhead and make it more official. He doesn't have a problem with Ted signing the letter as it should be more personable.

Mr. Beardsley said they don't have phone numbers other than mailing addresses and no other way to get in touch with them. Mr. Maxfield said we'll give the general Township number out so Carol can feel them out and then send the call into Jack or Leslie. There are a couple of people on the plan that are referenced that are some of the people who came to the meetings who are actually Steel City residents. He noticed Heather and Rocky Viscito have a house on that land and he doesn't know if they would be interested in preserving their land. It looks like some of these are also absentee landowners. For Bushkill Valley Motorcycle Club, there's probably somebody that they could give you a particular contact or you can go through their attorney. Mr. Beardsley said the right hand column they are not complete addresses like c/o Peter Zumas.

Mr. Beardsley said we should include the application form and the brochure which describes conservation easements. Mr. Maxfield said the Conservancy has a booklet on conservation easements, but he thought we had something about open space. They will have to get the letter okayed by Council. They are going to be making the contact, so they can just do the letter themselves.

Mr. Maxfield wanted to put a quote on the bottom of the letter that has to do with conservation. Sometime in the future working with the EAC letterhead, we can find a quote or something we can put at the bottom expressing what we're about. Open space people think parks, playgrounds. If we just say something about preserving resources, something that has a nice meaning to it.

The EAC looked over the letter and changed some things. Mr. Beardsley said he will change the letter and email it to Ms. Palik. She will email it to Mr. Maxfield who will take it to Council on Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

- Mr. Maxfield asked if anyone heard anything from Mr. Martin. The last up-to-date information he has is from Spring 2012. Mr. Beardsley said he hasn't heard anything, but he will get in touch with him.
- Mr. Maxfield said it was someone's attorney who called the Township wanting open space information. Ms. Palik said it was Joseph Plunkett. Mr. Maxfield said let's follow up on that one and just call him and see if he has any questions. He doesn't even know where the property was. A phone call at this point would do, so if Ms. Palik could get the phone number and pass it on to Mr. Beardsley, he could call him.
- Mr. Maxfield said he doesn't know how much longer we're going to have the benefit of a suppressed economy for property values, so we should really be pushing right now and get as much as we can or as many opportunities as possible.
- Mr. Beardsley said Mr. Maxfield knows the properties by the landfill, are we likely to run into the same problem where they don't have any value as there are no roads and they are landlocked? Mr. Maxfield said yes, it's possible. Some of them will have road access to Steel City's side, some will not. Bigger properties like the Hill Climb will have access down on River Road, but some are going to be isolated. Some will have private road access like Hader Lane, those kinds of places. There are a good number of them that have some kind of access. There's a possibility where it goes through someone else's property on an easement. He's hoping most of them won't be steep slopes. There is a flat enough area on top where they put the power lines and things like that, so you can actually see it on the map where it's cleared off. It's not real steep in those places. The further east you go from there, the steeper it gets. If we get any of them, it'll be portions of the property. This P7-5-25-0179 is kind of stuck right in the middle. It's hard to tell, but he wouldn't know what access that would have, but we'll find out.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION FROM GENE GYECSEK FROM FREECYCLE

Johnny Johnson and Gene Gyecsek were present from FreeCycle. Mr. Gyecsek said we are an electronics recycling company and we're free to all residents and small businesses. What they do is help townships and boroughs residents to help recycle their electronics. It's free. We can help set up any kind of program you want. As of right now, one program is Coplay. They have their Borough guys if someone sets out a TV or any electronic, they make up a little paper saying "Attention" and they just sticker it on the appliance and it tells them where to go. That's one option. You can do containers.

Mr. Johnson said Whitehall Township is doing the same thing. Mascaro used to take all their electronics on the curbside, now they have a little piece of paper they put on the item and the resident then brings it to FreeCycle. The resident seems to be fine with it, they drive from all over to drop it off.

Mr. Gyecsek said Coplay charges a minimal fee just for fuel. The Borough workers will bring it over to FreeCycle. They don't recycle that much out of Coplay as it's so small. They may charge \$1.00 to \$5.00 depending on the size of the TV. Air conditioners, dehumidifiers are free. It's not just electronics. They will do hair dryers, electric shavers, anything electric. That all gets recycled and they only recycle with R2 or Estewardship certified companies. They are actually in the

process of being R2, one of the first in the area. That will hopefully be done in the first quarter 2013.

Mr. Johnson said the first audit is coming out next Monday and are flying in the 17th and 18th to start to go through their facility to audit and it should be a pretty easy process as they are a small facility. He's been doing this for 20 years and he kind of has all the outlets set up. They are excited about it.

Mr. Maxfield said can you give us an idea of where parts go? Mr. Johnson said these are confidential outlets. There are companies out there that recycle stuff that they may say they have a permit, but they aren't doing it the right way. Either they are too lazy to get the right outlets or they don't know how to get them. He will let you know which ones it goes to, but he'd appreciate you didn't disclose that to other companies. Most of the material goes to Eco Materials. They are a company up in New York and are R2 certified. They are also on the NID list and certification to do hard drive destruction. They are also ISO 14001. They are one of the biggest players that work with the MRM program, which is the manufacturer that sells in PA. What happens is if the manufacturer sells 100 million pounds, in the state of PA. PA requires the state to recycle 80% of that. There are millions of pounds that are on the backs of the manufacturers for collections like FreeCycle to collect it and take it to the processing facility to process it. That way it gets tallied up at the end of the year. If they don't have enough weight collected, the State actually penalizes them with money fines to the manufacturer as they failed to get the required weight. It's a good program, but Eco is the one that gets your material like the TV's, your CRT's, the focus materials are basically your printers, your peripherals, and your other material like CPU computers. They'll go to a place where they are R2 Rio certified. Rio certified is another high certification like R2. R2 is the biggest one out there right now in the U.S. The Rio certified company will erase the hard drives, take the board off and that goes for smelting, and then that gets shredded. There's a local company in Philadelphia that they deal with and also a lot of the other companies do also as they are well known in the industry. He goes to the facilities and does a walk through and an audit and checks them out. When you see the R2 certification and Estewardship, these are companies that spend over \$100,000.00 because they have a lot of employees. They get that third party auditing in there. That's what R2 is all about. It shows they are dedicated and costs FreeCycle almost \$30,000.00. It's a two guy operation and a lot of money but it's saying they are doing it the right way. They are passionate about this. They get that certification, they are going to wave it around and be proud of it. Eco is the biggest one. They did almost 400,000 lbs. since April. He and Gene are proud to say that the material got recycled. It stayed in the U.S. It didn't go overseas. If other companies are knocking on your door, ask them about R2. Ask them about Estewardship. If they stumble and don't know how to answer it, they are nothing. They are not doing the right thing. He's been doing this for 20 years and he met a lot of jokers that don't know what they are talking about. If you want security and your residents giving them their hard drives, you really want to make sure and know in your mind that this company is doing the right thing, with that R2 certification, it's going to guarantee. It's not just a certification on a piece of paper and they walk away. They actually come in and they'll continuously audit them. They pay \$1,500.00 a year and they just stay on you. They watch all your downstreams. They watch your paper work and see where everything's going. It's a good program.

Mr. Maxfield said they get lots of questions about what's going to happen to the information on the hard drive. R2 does deal with responsible dealing of that information. Mr. Johnson said what happens is they are going to get their R2, not just for the destruction, it's also going to be for refurbishing. They do a lot with schools. They do Central Bucks. Last year they did about 2,300 systems out of there. This year they did 1,000 desk tops and 400 laptops. They bring them in and it took about two months. Every hard drive had to have a DOD three swipe. It averaged 40 minutes a hard drive. It was a long tedious process, but they did every single one. Their downstream is a certified company that resells them and remarkets them. If you have a product, you can ship anywhere in the world as long as it's a product, it's going for reuse, that's the main

thing. They pride themselves on doing that with the schools and they are now working with Pennridge, Parkland. They just got called again from Brandywine. They are going out there to pick up next week. There's a lot of activity with schools right now. If you ever hear the name of GER Solutions, that's the one on their shirts and it's the company that he started in 2009, a limited liability company and then when he got excited as the law was coming and was changing, he tried to find his spot in the business. Where's the need? He believes he hit the nail on the head as there's nobody else out there that has a year round facility that's taking the stuff for free and that's why it's called FreeCycle. FreeCycle caught on and got it, free recycling.

Mr. Hijazi asked if they were local? Mr. Johnson said they are local, right by the airport. They started on the second floor on the American Parkway in Allentown and it was a battle driving from Pittsburgh with a truck and coming back and loading it with the old elevator, a nightmare. Then he was fortunate enough to move over to Roble Road as he knew the owner of the building and it was a great opportunity – the center for Bethlehem and everybody around them. They are excited now as they are talking to Tom Dittmar from Northampton County. Right now they are working with an agent to find another warehouse. Tom Dittmar would like a permanent site in Northampton County. Mr. Maxfield said they were talking about that last meeting and suggesting to Tom Dittmar that they may know some areas in LST where that might be possible where we could work a cooperative effort. Mr. Johnson said he thinks the problem is because of the way Northampton County is shaped. Tom Dittmar looked at it on a map and said Nazareth, you need to move in Nazareth, Palmer or Forks. Mr. Johnson asked Tom Dittmar three times where do you want it as he has to be happy with it. They found one location, but it was Upper Nazareth by Stockerton and Tom Dittmar said that wouldn't work as Waste Management is right there. It's very difficult to find a place in Palmer.

Mr. Maxfield said keep them in mind as they mentioned it to Tom Dittmar and he said keep in touch. They have some areas where some of the roads have even been beefed up to take the additional truck traffic, things like that. It's good access. Mr. Germanoski said we have Route 78 and 33 next to the County. Mr. Johnson said that's what Tom Dittmar was excited about. He knows Tom Dittmar got excited when the Palmer location came up, and said it's right off of Route 78 and 33, but it didn't work out. Mr. Maxfield said their areas would probably be within a mile or two of the interchange. Mr. Johnson said Tom Dittmar likes Easton as he pulls 90,000 lbs. out of Easton, so he wants to draw that out. Mr. Maxfield said there are a couple of back roads to take or the highway. The Township is interested in trying to open up some sort of area for different types of commercial activity. They definitely have some areas where they are zoned in that direction. Mr. Johnson said the biggest part is the cost. They are finding out warehouses in Forks and Palmer are very, very expensive. Right now they are about 2,000 square feet. It comes in, they palletize it and recondition them and it's out. It's pretty fast moving. He's finding in some other areas, for the same square footage, they want thousands of dollars a month and the money isn't in this business to do that. The manufacturer's pay anywhere from two cents up to five cents for a CRT. There's not much money in that, unless you have volume and volume. He's looking for the \$500.00 to \$600.00 range where a Township or someone or the development committee that wants them to come in an start new businesses say let's help this new company out. It's a great thing for the economy. Mr. Maxfield said they have in the Enterprise Zone and it's exactly that. Mr. Johnson said that's what they need. He did talk to someone through Tom Dittmar at Northampton County, and they diverted him to property and the property was \$13.00 to \$14.00 a square foot and he said he just needs a place to put it and send it out. He'd be very interested. They are sitting down with Tom Dittmar on the 31st. Mr. Maxfield said they'll be in touch with Tom Dittmar too, so if they get any additional information, they will forward it to Tom Dittmar or Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson said Mascaro is starting something up in Wilkes-Barre. They are going to put a container up at their collection site like Bethlehem has. He's expecting one a week, so he will bring that down and Mr. Johnson will get that material. He did mention to Tom Dittmar about opening a location in Scranton as they did several hundred thousand pounds on a weekend between Luzerne and Scranton. There's a need there. Before he stretches himself that far, he said let's focus on the

community where they live and that's what they are trying to do, but definitely if there's help there, they need that. Mr. Maxfield said there are definitely people on Council who would be interested in that type of idea, so they will see what they can do and forward the information and talk to Tom Dittmar and see what's up.

Mr. Johnson said as far as the Freon material, they are taking the air conditioners and dehumidifiers for free. Most companies that do take them charge \$20.00. Their downstream that they deal with their hard drives, circuit boards and PC's, they take them anyway. They remove the Freon, they are Rio certified, so they felt why charge the public. Honestly, are they making money on it? They are lucky if they are making four cents a pound, but he figures if someone else were to come in, their main focus is electronics, and also the Covered Device Act 108 that passed and took effect in January 2012, but full effect in January 2013, only covers your focus material. What is a focus material? It's your CRT, your printers, your screen, your main things on the computer and think of it as your focus. That is what is covered that the manufacturers have to pay for and you are responsible for it. What they did was say the downstreams they use, they handled that material anyway, the blow dryers, curling irons, anything you can think of that's electronic. They are going to shred it anyway and recycle it. They are the only ones that take the vacuum cleaners and all appliances like a can opener, fans that used to go in the trash. There are a lot of people doing these collection events that are saying, no we don't take that anymore, the vacuum cleaners, and curling irons. At this time, they don't take large refrigerators because it takes up too much room. They take the dorm size refrigerators. If he brings a container up, what's going to happen at night time is they are going to steal it. They steal everything you have in a container. There's scrap guys who drive around. The guy who was in the same building as them had 4,000 lbs. of heavy motors, big pumps. He threw them in there and the next day he came in, they were gone, 4,000 lbs. of motors. They were heavy and someone stole them in the middle of the night. They got a call today from Whitehall Township police station, their radios and computers they will be picking up to recycle that. Whoever you are dealing with, make sure you deal with someone who is legitimate and talk to Tom Dittmar. There is another big boy out there that has a permit, but again, is it being done correctly. Make sure you are dealing with someone who is R2 or Estewardship, just to protect yourself and the community. They get people who say what do you do with the recycled material. He looks at them and says he's glad they asked because you want to be educated and then he goes on and on. If you don't love what you do, get out. He likes what he does. He's been doing it a long time. He's seen a lot of accidents. A lot of guys almost got killed, so you learn a lot.

Mr. Johnson said they will come to a Township to do an event. They just got the Parkland High School event as some companies are starting to charge which Tom Dittmar will tell you that. They are charging like a \$1,500.00 set up fee. Right now it's a chancy thing as right now as we speak, the last two weeks of the year, the manufacturers are fighting with the State. They don't want to pay more money for recycling. Everyone is trying to keep the money in their pocket. He may go into next year only getting three cents a pound, is it worth it even though he loves it. A lot of the companies that are in this that are bigger than him, which he's familiar with, they have a big overhead. They are paying \$18.00 to \$20.00 an hour for personnel for these events. You bring a forklift out. The best thing is if the Township has a forklift, but the thing that stinks is you have to pay your workers. That's the hard part. If the pricing stays the same, they would come out and you guys would have to tell us how successful your last event was. Ms. Palik said the last event they collected 29,615 lbs. of electronics, plus 8,660 lbs. of air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators and freezers. Mr. Johnson said that's like a tractor trailer and a half of collections, so at an event like that which is considered small, the manpower would be a lot smaller. Your event the overhead isn't a lot. If the prices stay the same on his side, he'd be more than happy to come in and do it. Mr. Maxfield said they've done them before with different companies where we had our guys doing the forklift. Mr. Johnson said if you have the forklift that helps. Mr. Beardesley said some members of the EAC come and work and the Public Works people help. Mr. Johnson said that would be huge. That's why they are here. When you are ready for event, they want to put one on for you, no matter what. The law just came into effect; it's a State law and the 25th state to pass

it. California does 100% recycling. FreeCycle is a company which will take everything. Mr. Gycsek said you can have your events once or twice a year and most of the people who come to their place said they can't make that event, and they are open all year long and can drop off anytime, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, they have their hours, and every third Saturday. That's the great thing as they get a lot of complaints that they can't make it to a certain event. You drop it off and it's easy. Just bring it on in. Mr. Johnson said he believes by hearing from people driving so far, that the Township's really pushed and told the residents about it, they would come as they are just so happy to get rid of that 32" TV they had in their basement and they used to pay \$30.00. People are excited. This Saturday they have another one at their location, and they are so excited and they all say why don't the Township's tell the people about FreeCycle. They've had people there from LST. Mr. Johnson said they don't know why the Township's don't tell their residents. Mr. Hijazi said presumably they don't want to give business to one private entity. Mr. Johnson said he disagrees because when he first started this, the Morning Call, Tyrone Richardson does an excellent in the Realtor Watch, great job. That boosted his company like you won't believe. He put them right on the front page and it took off. They got so many people coming. He called the Express Times and they said are you for profit or non-profit. Dreadful question, he knew it was coming. He said for profit he needs to make a living somehow. They didn't like that. They wanted to charge him \$800.00 to put it in their paper. He said the people in your city support you and help you. This helps the community. Right now there's part of a recession going on, these people are literally going to line up at the Bethlehem event in three weeks and there will be 600 cars, \$20,000 to the City maybe, that money at this time, the \$30 to \$90 these people pay now, and you don't want to help them. It's free. He just thinks they are for profit, but he strongly believes they are community and it's a great thing to help. He talks to DEP a lot and they say their biggest problem right now is three hot spots. People are throwing them over the cliff into the woods, the big TV's. He told them to put the sign there of his company where they are throwing the TV's so they know where to go and see if you still have that problem. Mr. Beardsley said if they knew where there was free gas, they wouldn't tell the people. Mr. Johnson said he was disappointed. Mr. Hijazi said did you try the Lehigh Valley Business Journal? Mr. Johnson said yes, he was in it, they jumped on it right away also. It was very nice. Almost everything else you pay for. The Township's they put it in their newsletters which are great. Their community loves it. They could do an event and you want to schedule it, give Gene a call. If you find a place in your Township where you can drop a container, if you're starting a program, we can do something like that also. Mr. Beardsley said the last time we did it, there were about 300 cars that went through. Ms. Palik said they didn't take hair dryers or crock pots, microwaves. Mr. Johnson said they take all of that. Mr. Hijazi said what's your response, it has to do with where you take your material for recycling, there was a show on TV on 60 Minutes about all this material, even though they were telling the people recycle it to your local and other proper regulations, but this material ends up being in China or Vietnam and they were showing pictures of the kids. Mr. Johnson said he remembers somebody told him that, and how was getting into auditing to train other companies and he went into a place where they advertised on a big box, "all your hard drive information is protected". He thought this is cool, then he finds out the stuff disappeared. Where did it go? In a day, all they did was ship to China. He stopped doing it as he was working on a permit to have them do it the right way. Then he came in and the stuff was gone and it was disheartening. When electronics started off 15 years ago, these guys were getting \$20.00 a monitor and that was a lot of money back then. Supposedly the stuff goes into China and they auction it off. What you see on TV is pretty true as the big story came out of California where one guy was the CEO and the other was the President and it was on CNN and they were being recorded saying nothing gets shipped, nothing gets shipped and then all of a sudden DEP came in and had a tracer on the container and they x-rayed it and it was all CRT tubes that were taken apart and they traced it to China and those guys are in prison now. They were millionaires. There's a local company in NJ that did the same thing.

Mr. Gycsek said it all comes down to the R2 and Stewardship certification. Every company that gets anything from them, has to have that certification. Mr. Hijazi said he's not familiar with the R2. Mr. Johnson said when he first started, he had to get a DEP permit to just do electronics. You

jump through hoops with DEP, it's difficult. The R2 was started basically as third party auditing. To come in behind DEP and come in behind internal auditors and say this is what's happening from your tracking system from when that material comes in your door to when you break it down, what pallet it goes on. It's just downstream auditing. It shows where your material is going. Mr. Gyecsek said everything has to be documented. Mr. Johnson said if you are an R2 company and you get caught selling to Joe Smoe in an alley or ship something to China, they get pulled on their R2 certification which would be highly detrimental. More and more so the Federal government is getting involved when someone breaks the law. When you export material, legally you are supposed to have an EPI ID number they give you and DEP actually knows every shipment. If you ship CRT's and they are tested and working, that company, if they are legitimate, they are supposed to have numbers that DEP and EPA already know the company in China or Africa, wherever they want to ship that it's a legitimate company. There's a lot of tightness on this certification. R2 Solutions is what it's called. In an electronic meeting, a group of people came together just like they said you needed a permit, then everybody applied for a permit. Finally they said how can they control the downstreams, everything is still getting shipped overseas. He would assume a meeting like this which he knows some people who were involved with it, it just came up. They are a third party, who knew who they were. R2 Solutions was created and they came up with all these standards. It took a couple of years. Mr. Gyecsek said it's a bunch of industry people who got together. Mr. Johnson said the pressure came on the manufacturers also. It's like him, they see an opportunity. R2 got with the manufacturers and it just started snowballing and then you got the Stewardship. Right now that's the highest standard you can get. It is supposed to guarantee that your material is being handled the right way. It's the best thing he's ever seen since he's been in this kind of business. Mr. Gyecsek said it keep the honest companies honest. It knocks out the jokers. Mr. Hijazi said you are the only one in the area? Mr. Johnson said in the United States there are about 302 right now. In the Lehigh Valley, it's only one other company. Mr. Gyecsek said hopefully it will change. Mr. Johnson said more and more, it's going to call. He got so many calls and emails from schools today. His friend is the operation guy at Raritan Valley and they pulled containers out of IESI and he meets with them tomorrow and they may be putting up a container there at the landfill. Last year at Parkland, his daughter asked if they could do something for the school, and it worked out that he gave them 30% back. They will take it all in and recycle it. He was able to give Central Bucks back something like \$16,000.00. He only made \$1,000.00 in his pocket. It felt good to say here you go. It felt good to give Pennridge back \$1,700.00. It's a school, and the situation they are in. He contacted Easton, but some of these other school districts, the highest person comes in and they are buying. It's wrong. He talked to Saucon Valley and Northampton and he knows what some of them are doing. You try to educate them, but you're just another joker who sends a fax that says we buy electronics. Mr. Gyecsek said it's not getting done right. Mr. Johnson said they need the money and they sell it. With them, they bring it in and they do it the right way and you still get a check.

Ms. Palik asked if they take fluorescent light bulbs and batteries. Mr. Johnson said they have their EPA number and he can handle them and take them in, but he's really trying to wait until March. He's focusing on this, the electronics and it's really growing. You focus on one thing and get it the way it should be going and then easily jump into the next thing. He's familiar with all the processes and how to package them. Last week someone dropped off keyboards and the box was filled with batteries. He was out in the rain and lithium reacts with rain. He took them in as he didn't want them in the facility. If you are storing batteries, he learned by fires and things like that, lithium should be in a one gallon pale, every battery taped and just keep it outside. That way if it ever ignites, you aren't losing your building. The biggest lithium recycler in New York burned down to the ground, 200,000 square feet. They are pretty volatile. He doesn't know if he wants to dip into batteries yet. It's more of a community thing to help them as they don't know where to go. He will try to research it. You can drop your batteries off at AERC but they charge you. Ms. Palik said we may be able do an event with Hellertown. Mr. Maxfield said he was thinking the same thing as we kind of work a lot together. Mr. Johnson said Hellertown has the old Champion place. Mr. Boos said he wrote that down as a site. Mr. Johnson said he always thought of that and has

been abandoned for years and it just stays empty. Mr. Germanoski said it's contaminated, it's a Super Fund.

Mr. Johnson said he was going to take mattresses, but then there are bed bugs. It would have been a great thing, carpet, mattresses, furniture; they all go in the landfill. He thought about bringing toys in for the plastic. Tires are another thing, and DEP told him that people take the \$3.00 and then they go out of business and they burn them. That's oil and you are having a major fire. You could hook up with Joe's Tires and Batteries as they do the Bethlehem one. Mr. Gycsek said Lafarge burns the tires. Coplay has an event once a year where they collect tires and Lafarge takes them.

Mr. Johnson said if you have any questions, please just give them a call. You wouldn't think you could have a problem with batteries, but it just takes one to fall in there with a charge and the next thing you know, you have a fire. There's a lot of energy in lithium.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Gycsek went and checked at the batteries being stored in the administrative offices and advised that the round lithium batteries and 9-volt batteries be taped up with black electrical tape.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved to recommend forwarding the information presented to the EAC tonight from FreeCycle to Council with the possibility that this information could be posted on our website as a service to our residents and possibly be put in the next newsletter in 2013 for Township residents.

SECOND BY: Mr. Germanoski

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent – Mrs. Yerger, Mr. Guerra and Mr. Johnson)

Mr. Maxfield said he'll bring this up under reports at the next Council meeting.

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. OLD SAUCON INVESTMENT OVERALL MINOR SUBDIVISION - #MIN 01-12 – 4373 ROUTE 378 & 2115 SAUCON VALLEY ROAD (Was just put on agenda this evening)

Mr. Maxfield said we saw this plan months ago along Route 378. Just a portion is in LST and the rest is in Upper Saucon Township. It's listed as a minor subdivision and a overall major subdivision. It's minor for LST and major for Upper Saucon Township. Last time they had access from Colesville Road and the residents were upset and it ended up PennDOT did not want them to have access from Colesville Road so their access would have to be within the development, which is his understanding of it. There was commercial and residential space, a restaurant and a couple of other things. They want to know if we have any resource concerns in that corner. He was looking for wetlands as everyone claims there are wetlands there.

Mr. Maxfield said at Council residents did show up in force and because this area has sort of facilities in it and there is an existing old tree line here, maybe we could ask them to maintain the tree line as humanly possible. Even though it's going to be mixed use, it's still going to be a different use than across the road. Maybe we should keep that as buffered as possible and say if the line isn't thick enough, maybe they should beef up the buffer.

There was a resource map and plans the EAC members looked at and briefly discussed. Mr. Germanoski said he'd like to see a development plan. Mr. Hijazi said has anyone seen it? Mr. Maxfield said just a sketch plan.

- MOTION BY:** Mr. Germanoski moved that the EAC would like to reserve the ability to comment on the Old Saucon Investment Overall Minor Subdivision Plan once a development plan is presented.
- SECOND BY:** Mr. Maxfield
- ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Absent - Mrs. Yerger, Mr. Guerra and Mr. Johnson)

V. UPDATES/REPORTS

A. UPDATE ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG COLLECTION PROGRAM

Mr. Maxfield said this is something the EAC had asked about. It looks like there was a response from Rich Schilling from Springfield Township. It says that the Police would have to apply for a drop-off box and they could monitor it and we could encourage the Township to ask the Police to do that so we could have a drop-off box right by the PD station. Mr. Beardsley said we had asked Springfield Township how they do that as we know they had a drop-off box. Mr. Maxfield said the cost was \$900.00 shared by three parties. He asked what the EAC thought about this idea, would it be worth \$900.00 to have this? Ms. Ray said what happens to the drugs then? Mr. Maxfield said it keeps these drugs out of the water system and the landfill and from getting them flushed, and some of those things don't go away. When he goes to CVS and see how many people are picking up drugs, there's a lot of drugs out there. Think about someone if they have a parent that dies and they are cleaning out the house. It looks like the PD can apply for a grant from Just Community's. Mr. Germanoski said you have to have somewhere to dispose of the drugs. Mr. Beardsley said once a year the PD does the National Take-Back Initiative, so they must have that contact. The PD does that once a year. He doesn't know if they are charged. Mr. Germanoski said rather than someone keeping the drugs at home for a year, they could drop them off on an as-needed basis. Mr. Maxfield said we need to get a little bit more information from our PD and from Rich Schilling to see how the process works. If the PD had a drop-off box, would they be comfortable recycling it once a year. Ms. Ray said she thinks it's a good idea and the cost shouldn't be that ridiculous. Mr. Maxfield said we need to find out more about Just Community's and bring it back to the next meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2012 MINUTES

- MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of the November 13, 2012 minutes.
- SECOND BY:** Mr. Beardsley
- ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Absent – Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Yerger & Mr. Guerra)

VII. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- Mr. Germanoski said we should probably reserve this information he's going to give for the next meeting. He gave a list of the projects that the students completed and are representing tonight at the Northampton County EAC meeting. This is from John Wilson. The upper six John thinks are the most suitable for LST. What you should know and he's sure Allan will report on this, the two projects for LST specific are the "Groundwater/Surface Water/Septic System Interactions in LST" and then "Road Maintenance". We'll get a poster that the students in each of those projects produced. We'll get a data base so all the GIS information will be there, and then he also has the students put together a tutorial explaining the steps they took to develop this. We can request any other. He said to John because there are a number of topics, they may be useful. The very last one on the list might be of interest to us. They put together a process for identifying parcels of land in Moore Township that might be suitable for land preservation based on a series of parameters. It was kind of interesting as he continued to work with the project, that then the student said to John he didn't know if this was worthwhile because three of the parcels are already preserved when he looked at what was preserved. Then John said that's a pretty decent test that your criteria are appropriate as they already targeted and preserved several of the parcels. We can look at this and

discuss it at next month's meeting and identify any specific data sets that we think we should add to the Township and Allan can give a report as well on what he saw tonight at the Northampton County EAC meeting. Mr. Maxfield said he was thinking of this later, but we tend to look at land preservation in the Township, we've asked for a map numerous times for properties that we preserved, but we also stop at the Township borders and don't look at how that's connected in to maybe a bigger valley-wide preservation effort or even what level things are preserved at. Mr. Germanoski said there's at least one student looking to continue to do some projects into the spring, and we can also request whatever we want and put it on a list for John. Every Fall he teaches this course and he floats projects out in front of the students. We should keep a running wish list as they pop up. Mr. Maxfield said let's mark this for further discussion at the next meeting in January.

VIII. TERRY BOOS – HELLERTOWN REPRESENTATIVE – REPORT – No report

IX. NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mr. Beardsley moved for adjournment. The time was 8:48 P.M.

SECOND BY: Ms. Ray

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent – Mrs. Yerger, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Guerra)

Sandra Yerger, Chair