

**A GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 2. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at Hellertown Borough.
- 3. Roll Call - Present** – John Landis, LST; Matt Milliren, HB; Frank Pazzaglia, HB; Phil Weber, HB; Tom Maxfield, LST; Francene Drake, HB; Haz Hijazi, LST; John Noble, LTS; Donald Rohrbach, HB; Charlie Luthar, HB; Jack Cahalan, LST. Guests: Bob Frey, SVSD; Jennie McKenna, HB; Joe Pampanin, HB; Keri Maxfield, LST.
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Approval Action** – Ms. Drake said her name is spelled Francene Motion for approval of the minutes. All in favor.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT- CITIZENS WITH AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**C. JOINT MEETINT BUSINESS**

- 1. Commission Updates regarding significant issues handled since the April 2009 Meeting – Chairs**  
Mr. Landis said since April, two of the meetings have been cancelled. The only thing talked about within the Township and was Scenic View Apartments up on Flint Hill Road. They want to enlarge and the Meadows wants to expand. Matt said Charlie put together some of the things we have done in 2009 so far. Hellertown PC has heard eleven plan reviews with two more additional planned for next week. Past reviews were two in land development and parking and a doctor's office with retail space. The other reviews were related to eating establishments, and four of various other clients including parking lots, and retail type space. We are working on coming up with parking city requirements. We had an intern come in for the summer and he spent time walking the streets of the Borough taking car counts of how many people were parked at various locations. He put quite a few miles on his shoes. You keep hearing there isn't enough parking or there is enough parking. This gave us a good idea of the parking. It was just mostly going out at different times during the day. Charlie said the intern counted Main Street, and the other study referred to is the Barry Isett Study. They were looking at the types of businesses and what their parking requirements were, what they should have had, what they had off premises, what they had on and off the street. They came up with some tremendous numbers that we have enough parking. It doesn't seem like that, but we do. Traffic volume is another problem. Matt said the thing we struggle with along the Main Street corridor is someone who wants to bring business in, they don't necessarily have enough land to put in a parking lot and also have some for their business, so we get in this round robin, we'll count parking in front of Main Street, we won't count parking in front of Main Street. With Main Street being a state road, we never know if the State is going to come in and say there's no parking along Main Street. We also have Barry Isett going through and giving us all kinds of charts and giving us information from other towns as to how they are handling it. We reviewed the plans for the Tuminello property. Council did not sell the land. We are not going to sell the land. Charlie said Council directed to make a zoning appeal which we will do next week as it's not a permitted use for public parking. Matt said we have been working on the multi-municipal plan.
- 2. Municipal Updates – Managers** – Jack said we've been busy in the Township. Primarily, we continue to develop and make improvements on our parks. The biggest one is Polk Valley Park. It's going to be entering Phase II of that development. The trails that went out there, Council looked at that and were interested in putting trails made of pervious material. If you go out there and dump some water on the trail, it goes right through the product. That worked out very successfully. The Dog Park

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was developed on the additional Nor-Car property and the Dog Park opened today. It's a nice facility. We waited until the turf was strong enough. We also have been busy with Kingston Park. That's under development and we are working on some engineering and grading issues there. We will have some pathways, walkways and a pavilion which will be hooked into the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse which is on the adjacent property. Lower Saucon Township Historical Society needs to get the parking lot finished so it can bring school children up for tours at the historic schoolhouse. Council is also reviewing plans to make improvements at the park at Steel City, which we will be working on to fix it up, especially the ball fields. We did acquire some additional property next to it. We are planning to put some park amenities there. The Open Space program under the leadership of the Environmental Advisory Council has been busy throughout the year. They have been working with home owners who are interested in preserving their property and are interested in having conservation easements. There's a lot of groundwork to get those interested homeowners and properties to Council to make decisions. Our Public Works Department only paving they did was in Hellertown. Otherwise, they were on a hold with their paving projects. We spent time on the multi-municipal plan and the Rail Trail project. It's been a busy and productive year so far at the Township. Charlie said he echoes what Jack said. There has been a lot going on in Hellertown also. State Route 412 is being resurfaced. They filled the entire surface and they will put a scratch coat down of 2" between now and October. They are also working on handicap accessibility ramps which have to be upgraded to current standards. The idea is to get that done before they resurface, so it has to be done by October 30 by state contract. There is a possibility they may not have all those ramps done, so they will have to resurface and go back and tear up the curbing they cannot get to. They will fix them all up and it will be a significant improvement. It will be from the Interstate to one of the streets in the Township, beyond Polk Valley Road. Although the land development projects, as Matt pointed out are kind of down compared to some of the past, including the residential, permits for additions and maintenance continue at a good pace in Hellertown. There are a lot of them going on. There are also a lot of commercial alterations including some sidewalks. What's happening with all the ramp improvements, they are saying let's fix up our sidewalks. That's been happening on Main Street and on some of the local streets. The Borough has added one excellent restaurant this year. There will be an Italian restaurant coming the end of this year located at the end of KNBT bank. It appears to be a good one. There's a Verizon store that opened in the shopping center. There's also going to be an acute care medical facility within a month or so. The Tumineilo property will be turned into a park. We'll appeal to the Borough next week from the ZHB to get a change. We also have gotten the okay from Borough Council to demolish the Reinhard school. We are in the process of remediating. We remediated underground storage tanks in the area and completed asbestos remediation in other parts of the building. It's up to Council what the future of the property will be, but for right now, it will be green space. It's restricted to municipal use. Charlie said we received \$165,000 as a grant to demolish the Reinhard building. That may not be enough, but it is helpful. We received a second CDBG grant for the handicapped ramps which was \$179,600, and we recently received \$83,515 for another CDBG hard ramp which is a revitalization grant for additional handicap ramps. They are working on that now up at the St. Theresa area. We still probably have another two years of working on handicap ramps installation. We received a \$90,500 grant for PA Communities initiative which is really a streetscape plan and it would tie in with the Rail Trails so we can look at the streetscape and say how can we get people off the trail to come into our community and patronize our businesses. We had a tree vitalize grant for \$10,000 to plant trees in Dimmick Park. It's like an urban tree planting the County has. The biggest thing he would like to credit is the cooperation between HB and LST. We did complete a project with the two PW's departments. They completed Front Street and Magnolia Road and Penn and Durham Streets. Materials for the Borough cost them \$150,000, but if it would have been contracted out, it would have been many, many multiples of that, probably three or four times of that. The cooperation was great. The guys really came through. The compost center is on another path for a record attendance. Halfway through the year we are 10% higher and from looking at the data we received the Township residents participated more. It had been in the order of 80% HB and 20% LST, but now it's swinging to 75%/25% and moving up. People are becoming more aware of it being there. That is a good cooperative effort between the two municipalities. We did name a Steering Committee to operate the Compost Center and to direct its

operation. The same thing for the Rail Trail, the two communities came together. We're ahead of the other two communities as we have a Steering Committee for the Rail Trail project. The intermunicipal comprehensive plan, we did help with the pervious concrete installation. Some of our guys were testing it that day to see if it really was pervious and they were jumping on the edges to see if they could break any of it. It's pretty sturdy. The 537 Plan was the other thing. We did get an approval from Council to proceed with the 537 study that the Township was looking at. It's really been busy. A lot of good things happening. Someone said the cooperation that happened between the paving was seriously good PR. It was commented on in the newspaper and he heard talk amongst town people that it's a major cost savings and is greatly appreciated.

3. **Casino Traffic Impacts – Result of initial, multi-municipal traffic study performed by Hanover Engineering** – Charlie said Jack had explained Hanover Engineering had done the work. That's a summary of the first couple of pages. There are four pages of the entire study. Jack said he'll give a little background on the casino traffic impact. The casino has already opened. Two years ago, we formed a coalition between HB and LST and brought Freemansburg Borough into the coalition. The issue was what are the impacts going to be on us once the casino opened in South Bethlehem. The license had not been awarded to the Sands Casino, but we were getting prepared anyway for that possibility. Bethlehem did get the license and we became under the law, a contiguous municipality, Hellertown, LST, Freemansburg, Bethlehem Township and Hanover Township. Under the law, the way it is spelled out we are to receive priority for any funding that Northampton County, who is the host county, is to receive from the gross terminal revenue that's going to come flowing out of the casino. When that comes out, we again, should have a priority share of that. What has happened at the County level, they had set up an authority to disburse this money that they were going to be receiving. The law says that 50% of the money they can keep what County needs and 50% has to be distributed in these municipal grants. We don't know how much money is going to come out. It depends what the winnings are. Back to the impacts, what we wanted to do on that, we got together early and heard from all of our various volunteers, emergency responders were one big group and felt there was going to be a lot of emergency calls, police calls and fire calls. It was going to be an impact at some time. Other communities that have had casinos located next to them or near their community said the emergency service there is going to be immediate calls for ambulance and fire. Police and crime are a little bit slower according the way it is reported on the FBI reporting system. Any crime that occurs in the casino is the responsibility of the PA State Police. The casino is in South Bethlehem so the police will cover a portion until they leave. Once they get out into our communities, we probably would see an increase in things such as DUI arrest and that type of thing. The other thing we looked at was the impact of the roads from the traffic. We anticipated that the traffic would increase very much from all of the gamblers that are coming to the casino from all points, primarily to the east and NJ and other points in PA. One of the things we wanted to do before the casino opened was to get some baseline traffic counts of all the key intersections throughout the five contiguous municipalities so that we would have something available to compare to when we go to the County in the near future and tell them to give us some money that you got from the State so we can address these impacts we are feeling in the Borough and the Township. HEA did traffic counts and there were seven sites with poor quality. One was south of Cherry Lane; Route 378 north of Mountain Drive; Freemansburg wanted to look at Willow Park Road area; Route 512 in Hanover Township; south of Monocacy Creek Route 191; William Penn Highway and Schoenersville Road. They went to and did that about a week or so before the casino opened, so we have this report. The only thing that is unknown at this point is the County has formed an Authority. There are representatives from the five contiguous municipalities, but they also wanted representation from the northern part of the state. The process for the applications for these grants has not been pinned down. Early on, he and Charlie had presented the County with a proposal on how the money could be distributed. It was very simple. When they got the money, split it into five checks and distribute it to those municipalities. John Stoffa, County Executive said this is beautiful, this is exactly what he wanted. He liked it. We will have to see whether or not the Authority will like it. We are the priority municipalities and should be first in line for the funding. The money should probably start flowing in next month to the County. They are

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quarterly checks and should start coming in October. The Authority has to be approved by the PA State Gaming Control Board. He doesn't know how long that process will take. We're hoping as soon as they get together, they need to have a whole staff for this authority. The County Executive says use the existing Authority. The Council at the County level created another whole new authority. That's coming and we think we are in good shape. The other impacts, we will be working with the fire and rescue people who have tons of data they can give us showing differences in calls since the casino opened. The deterioration to our roads is something that will have to be monitored by the Borough and Township engineer and if we do see problems, we have to get it documented. Charlie said the next step would be to repeat the study now that the casino is open. The interesting thing from the Hellertown pinpoint is looking at the numbers. The weekends in Hellertown are very and Saturday and Sunday's are very high. That is one noticeable thing. Mr. Hijazi asked if they knew what was the amount of the quarterly payment? Mr. Cahalan said it depends on what the gross terminal revenue is that is reported to the state by the casino. It depends on how much is wagered and then they take something off the top. They send that to the state, then there is a formula in the law, and a percentage goes to the city. They get a flat amount, which is \$10 million a year. The rest entities get a percentage of the gross terminal revenues. We estimated that the 50% amount which would go to the municipalities is about \$1.3 million a year. Someone said there is a big traffic impact in Hellertown. It has added ten minutes to his ride home and it's just a mess when you come down 78 to turn left into Hellertown. Someone said he would suggest that the traffic count be redone. He doesn't know who pays for this, but maybe the joint county commission should pay for that. Maybe the casino should pay for it. It should be redone. To have it make any sense, it has to be redone in May. It has to change seasonally. Someone said Monday is always a light day, but Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday are a nightmare. Someone said when the study gets redone, it should be done on the same day it was done before. Someone said the 200 busses a day, projection, we haven't even seen that yet. Mr. Cahalan said early on they asked the city to do the studies and they refused. They also asked the Sands, and they said no. PennDOT has did a series of traffic studies from 412 to the Hill-to-Hill Bridge. Charlie said some of the studies the city is using and the contractor they used knew nothing about Hellertown, or did any study south of Bethlehem. Someone said when the roads are redone, that will affect the traffic patterns also. Charlie said the cost of this would be borne by the five municipalities. Jennie said it was talked about in the partnership meeting to set it as a baseline, so that depending on what the authority does and what kind of applications we have to make and get approved, then we can use this as the base. Then when we know what they want from us, we can use that traffic demand as part of our argument. We don't know what we have to do yet to be able to get the money.

- 4. Saucon Creek Watershed Study Update – Frank Pazzaglia** – Frank said he said something very brief about this at our last meeting. Since that time, he has the executive summary from the report. He encourages you to go to the Lehigh County Conservation District website which you could find very easily by searching under that name. Right on the front page is a big link to this report. You can download it as it's a pdf and print it out or read it on the screen. The first two pages are the executive summary and they did a really nice job talking about what this report was all about. The Partnership between Lehigh County, Northampton County, Wildlands, Lehigh University, and the Saucon Creek Watershed group, those partners got together and collected a lot of data in Saucon Creek Watershed, did a couple of things that were unique to the traditional watershed studies. One of the things that they did that was not traditionally done was people got together and literally walked every inch of the Saucon Creek channel, and its major tributaries and they documented it in this report. The state of the channel, the state of the flood plain, the state of the riparian buffer, they identified places where there were sediment erosion problems, they identified places that looked healthy and places that did not. Another thing that was unique was that a fairly large data base was collected on hydrology on the Saucon watershed and that data is available for those interested in flooding. Flooding has affected Hellertown and parts of the Township. Some of the problems are chronic, so sort of hot spot areas where there has been chronic the report has some suggestion as to how you might want to mitigate that. Lastly, it presents some historic information that is unique in the sense that sort of the land use trends

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over the last fifty years are documented. We see farming, urban and suburban, and forest changing over the past fifty years. That gives a nice historic perspective where the watershed was fifty years ago and where we are now and what we will be in the future. It indicates some things we may want to address. For example, the Saucon main channel has widened considerably. That's kind of a chronic erosion problem that we will have to address because it will be compromising infrastructure, bridges, sewer lines and things like that. The report addresses all these issues and has some common sense recommendations that we could follow. The one at the top that is pretty straight forward and very much was the Tuminello property, where it says the least we could do is always maintain where we can, and restore the riparian buffers along the streams. It doesn't cost much money, but the return in eco system services is quite large. We had a big public meeting in May, it was held at LST, and it was very well attended and we got a lot of positive feedback from the community and now this report is finalized and put forward. He doesn't know if Hellertown Borough looked at it. Charlie said he doesn't think so. Frank said it has been submitted to the DEP as a final report. That's where we stand with it. Someone said online is the best way to look at the report as there are not many copies floating around out there.

- 5. Inter municipal Rail Trail Status Update d- Managers** – Charlie said he put a sketch up on the board. The length of the trail would go from Bachman Street in Hellertown down towards Saucon Park. There is a section in there that is owned by Norfolk Southern and it is under their control. North of Saucon Park is owned by Bethlehem. They are making it into a nice strolling avenue. The eight miles will connect us way down to the border with Bucks County and there have been a number of meetings. The most recent one is the Solicitor's got together last week and reviewed the ninth edition of the lease agreement. We should see that come back to LST and HB Council's this month. The Solicitor's are fine with it. There are some final questions, which were very minor. We did put some safety enhancements in place. The bridge crossing at the Saucon Creek between the two municipalities had a safety railing on one side but nothing on the other side, and some Jersey braces were put in place. There were some barricades put at some crossing at certain roads so you don't get nailed by a car. Any crossing over a PennDOT road you have to have an inter municipal agreement with PennDOT that you will do certain things. He doesn't know if that applies to the Township. All of those things are coming together. The Steering Committee for the Rail Trail has been appointed by HB and LST unofficially because we still do not have the bylaws approved. We still haven't heard too much from Upper Saucon or Coopersburg on their selections. We are proceeding and we will proceed to work the project even if we don't hear from the other folks. Someone asked if at some point the pipe could get replaced. Charlie said Septa has given us verbal approval to go in any time. This is a pipe at the Grist Mill and part of it has collapsed. Jack said the reason for the hold up of the lease is because of all the bridges, culverts and structures that are dated, and some are in disrepair. SEPTA wanted us to take responsibility for everything. We resisted that and said it's just the surface of the trail we are interested in and use it for biking and walking. We were not interested in maintain bridges and things like that. We finally worked out an agreement that we are only responsible for the surface. They did come out and do a study of old structures. They are safe. Parts have been falling off but it doesn't compromise any safety. That information has been given to the HB and LST engineers. All we have to do is if we see a problem, report it to SEPTA and they will come out and make a repair. On the surface, if a tree falls down over a trail, we will cut the tree and that's basically as far as our maintenance responsibilities. There are signal boxes, electric boxes along the trail. Originally we thought they were going to come in and remove them. They now said they are going to leave them but clean out all the hazardous material. They have been moving the tanks in Hellertown. There will be some communication poles left. On our end there is very little wire left. In Upper Saucon, there's still some communication wires and insulators that are up there. We will probably have PW remove those poles. Once that's done, we will have a perfectly flat and graded 30 foot wide landscape that just needs to be compacted and rolled and we have to decide on the surface materials and how wide we want to make it. That's what the committee is going to be working on and hopefully if we sign the lease this fall, we can work on those issues and have the trail open in springtime. In Upper Saucon, there was an issue they had to iron out down there. Coopersburg doesn't have any problems. It looks good. We should have a fabulous recreation asset and hopefully it will link us to the greenway in Bethlehem. Charlie said the

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other thing we see from Hellertown's standpoint is it will impact businesses in Hellertown, like the restaurants and a bike shop. Someone said you were talking with Norfolk Southern about the High Street bridge, has there been any progress? Charlie said he talked to the City Engineer this morning and he hasn't heard anything since a letter was written. DCNR is now involved. The question about filling the gap in has now come up. They are waiting for a meeting with DCNR present because they were not present at other meetings. We don't want to see the gap filled in because we still have hopes it will connect.

- 6. Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Update – Managers** – Jack said he and Charlie put together a handout. They went over it last night at the SVP. It starts out how important it is to get the action steps into practice because otherwise the plan, if it's not acted on, it's not going to be a valuable asset. In the multi-municipal planning process, we put down some steps and tonight you are actually carrying out one of those and that's the Joint Planning Commissions meeting together on an annual basis. The two PC's will monitor the two plans and if there are any changes, you will make recommendations for updates to the plan. If not, every three years we'll look for an updated plan. The SVP will continue as a steering committee to oversee the implementation of the actions. The Borough, Township and school district we plan on working on entering into an intergovernmental cooperative implementation agreement to establish what our responsibilities are on the plan. The second page gets into the steps that were recommended in the plan. The first one was having DCED come in and do some training. We did complete that in September in 2006, which was a training session at the school district given by Neil Kinsey from DCED. The second one was to conduct a zoning audit of HB and LST. We added this last night because it came up at the SVP meeting, and that was to address what was in the multi municipal plan "to address joint opportunities related to parks and recreation planning, administrative facilities, maintenance and programming for formation of a SV recreation authority or comparable entity". It goes on to develop the intergovernmental cooperative implementation agreement text. No. 4 is to define a palette of new zoning districts and zoning overlays. No. 5 is to create a joint zoning map which is GIS based and compatible with the comp plan map exhibits. No. 6 is prepare Joint Zoning Ordinance components inclusive of articles for definitions, district definitions, permitted uses, densities, building heights, signage standards, off-street parking requirements, landscape standards, and conditional uses/special exceptions and administration. No. 7 is formulate standards for zoning overlays as applicable, and no. 8 is refine zoning ordinance and mapping for public review. Those steps were outlined in the plan. He and Charlie recommended to the SVP with EPD, who did the design, was to start out with some small steps so we could keep the momentum moving forward and come up with some implementation and accomplishments. The first step we would recommend is to do the zoning audit of HB and LST. The zoning ordinance can be done with EPD. We can continue to use them as the consultant as they are familiar with the LST and HB. We spoke to DCED about funding. We did use the LUPTAP for funding for multi municipal planning. We know the state budget is still up in the air and funding for DCED and other state agencies is undetermined at this point. If their funding is cut, which they are anticipating, we are still in a good position as we are a multi municipal planning group right now. We are not a single municipality coming to them. We basically are up in front of the lines in terms of getting funding from the state. We should be getting some special attention for funding. The consultants estimate the zoning audit could be completed in a four month time span, with a cost of \$10,000 to \$12,000. LUPTAP grants require 50% grants, so we would have to make up about \$5,000 to \$6,000. The school district would not be responsible for that. We do have funding in the SVP treasury that we received for multi municipal planning that could be used to meet this match requirement. That's what we are recommending to this group, and the SVP supports that. Charlie will take that back to the HB and he will take it back to LST council for their endorsement. They'd like to get a grant application together early in October. They are hoping to get a decision by December .

(HB PC) A motion and a second were made to recommend to take back to Council, for their review, what was discussed above and implement it. All in favor.

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(LST PC) A motion was made by Tom Maxfield to recommend taking back to Council, for their review, what was discussed above and implement it. Second by Haz Hijazi. All in favor.

Someone was HB PC said he's been to some of the SVP meetings. He made a recommendation a couple of times we should really have someone from the PC's attend the SVP meetings. This is the real meat of it and especially No. 5 if this is in line here, with a timeline, before you get to No. 5, you need someone there who is really from the community on the PC's and participate in the process. He would hope HB and LTS would both send someone. Charlie and Jack said that would be a great idea. Charlie said they heard from Ed Inghrim at the SVP meeting last night, and he very strongly supported that the school district participate in this. Charlie thought the recreation authority should also be involved in this. Bill said they pretty much talk with each other and communicate with each other and to start everything rolling, it's the quickest start to get it working. We basically need all of the teams to talk to each other and have them all work together. We all have to go back to our Councils to approve it. You should have a small grouper to make the protocol and everybody who is involved in the everyday things, can back to and let them run that program. He sees Council involvement just to get it off the ground. School district involvement and then we'll let them take it. We could actually start the New Year with a group to handle that. He'd like to make a motion that we take it back to our Councils and get it going. He'll volunteer and is sure the school district will volunteer. Jack said they have a Park and Recreation Board and he can recommend someone from there. We need to prioritize how the parks that are in the townships, then the schools. Someone said we should identify the needs of each group and what is totally available out there. You are going to have to take smaller steps to start with, but once it gets going, you'll have a better commission that will have a master schedule for what's available and to what groups. Jack said you may want to consider getting some professional help that the state would provide. The DCNR, the grant could be put in for a peer consultant for them to come in and work with the group and actually start putting together all the different proponents like the cost, the maintenance, that type of thing. He has an example of three townships and a borough who adopted a com plan back in 2004. In that plan, they have exactly the same action steps that we put in our comp plan and that was to look at the joint recreational opportunities that they all had in all the different communities. This was to explore the formation of a regional recreation organization. Identify the financial considerations which will be one of the big things that will come up. That has come up in the past about the sharing of the fields. It has to be explored. We need someone to come out and do an analysis and recommend specific action steps to achieve the regional approach to provide cooperative recreation. They even had a mission statement on there. His recommendation is if you had a group, it would be himself, Charlie and Joe Hoffman, and they would be willing to put a grant together to DCNR. Bob Frey said the school district, they can help coordinate any of the facilities they have. They are very involved in community activities. A group like that may want to consider and talk about is a number of growing groups that participate in recreational and athletic facilities in using them and the numbers are growing. For example, we see a number of groups in the last couple of years who have come out of the SVSD, with Lacrosse and competition cheerleading, and that adds to the facilities indoor and outdoor and taking a look at what can be used, what can be scheduled. It's a great advantage to everybody in the community. Another thing which would be valuable to us is to take a look at the fields at LST, HB and the school district and list the functionality of those fields. Some of the fields might lend towards different activities, different age levels for those activities. Some of the areas we have at the high school might not fit the areas of an activity, but might fit the youth more. We have to plan out the functionality of the fields between LST, HB and the school district. We can also take a look at the number of the fields and the community sports we have. The number of fields we can utilize for certain sports. There could be fields you can use for multiple sports or a specific field for baseball. Someone said would this recreation board deal with passive as well as active or recreation as a whole. Charlie said the park study talked about active recreation, things where you would have seniors sit down and enjoy the green space. There's enough room in this to expand it to that. Jack said the authority will be responsible for financial end of it and maintenance of it. Charlie said the comp plan also touched on the inter-connective trails. The other things happening in the park, we did put in a request for refurbishing the grand stand at the east end field. We did get \$80,000 from the County and

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are waiting for \$100,000 from DCNR. Back during the discussions, were tournaments at the field, bringing in some extra money to offset the cost of maintenance. Bob said schools like Southern Lehigh have looked at their fields and put in turf, where you can use those fields for many things. It would be great to be put a track around our football field and it would be a place where people could walk and the community would be able to use that. At the school district, with the PIAA, after this year, girls soccer will become a fall sport which means we'll have boys soccer, girls soccer and middle school soccer all during the same timeframe in the fall and it will force us to look at more facilities to accommodate all those games.

(HB PC) A motion and a second were made to recommend to their Council to get their permission to form a joint study and recreation committee. All in favor.

(LST PC) Motion by Mr. Maxfield to recommend to our Council and get their permission to form a joint study and recreation committee and to refer it to Parks and Rec. Second by Mr. Hijazi. All in favor.

- 7. General discussion and consideration of topics for future investigation – Commission Members –** Someone said is there any way we could do bylaws so we don't have to do LST Commission and Hellertown Commission and look into it briefly, then we are one instead of being two halves.

Tom Maxfield said since Lower Saucon is mostly rural, our ordinances are strong in their natural resources, he doesn't know if the borough has that same of focus as you are not rural. We are not going to want to lose that, so however the discussion goes in the future, how can we do this together as joint ordinances, etc. and we can't lose what makes each of our communities special. We need to start talking about it and coming up with ideas in the future. Someone said that was his thought also. LST is rural and Hellertown is land locked. Tom said we should almost know where we want to be. Mr. Landis said you have a zoning map and you'd define whatever Hellertown's is and what LST's are. In Hellertown, you'd have zones A, B and C, and LST would have D, E, F. Tom said there will be zones that will overlap and we should find those zones and have them as overlaps. Mr. Landis said it's pretty hard to talk about it in a general way until you come down to it and say this is the zoning map, this is what's here, this is what's there. That's why we have the Solicitors. Someone said we also have joint waters which we have to look at. Mr. Landis said we run into that all the time with Bethlehem and Williams Township. Someone said the same thing happens with Hellertown. Someone said that's really important for us to look at jointly as that tongue of Bethlehem is going to keep poking into us and things are going to happen with that piece of land that is going to affect both communities major. The more unified we are when we look at these things and keep each other's interest at heart, the more successful we will be if we have to address another municipality.

- 8. Selection of next meeting date –** Mr. Landis said the big thing is the audit. When that audit is finished, we should have a meeting. If we don't, it shouldn't be any more than six months. Jack said if the PC's have a member at the SVP meetings, they can report back. Someone said we could meet in April. Charlie said when we get closer, we'll see what date works for everyone. Someone said make that goal the audit in the next couple of weeks. Charlie said if the Councils agree to the recommendation on the study you made, that will be another activity that will be going on.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT – CITIZENS WITH NON-AGENDA ITEMS –** Nothing.

**E. ADJOURNMENT –** A motion and a second for adjournment. The time was 8:26 PM.