

SAUCON VALLEY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2010
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Saucon Valley School District

- A. **Call to Order:** In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Saucon Valley Partnership meeting was called to order by Jack Cahalan on June 9, 2010 at 7:03 PM at the Saucon Valley School District.
- B. **Roll Call: Present:** Lanita Lum, Glenn Kern, Mayor Fluck, Jack Cahalan, and Charlie Luthar. Guest: Joe Pampanin from Hellertown Borough
- C. **Council of Governments**
1. **Minutes of the May 12 meeting** – Motion by Mayor Fluck, second by Lanita for approval of the May 12, 2010 minutes. All in favor.
 2. **Treasurer's Report** – Jack said the Treasurer's Report, the fund balance as of May 31, 2010 is \$11,520.26. There were no receipts into that fund or expenses paid out of that fund during the month of May. The checking account balance as of May 31, 2010 was \$3,872.42 and there were no receipts or payments out of that fund. Charlie said it looks like the school district still owes \$1,000.00 for their dues. Jack said traditionally they waited until after July 1, 2010 to make the payment. He will remind Dave to do that. He has to check to see if we received dues from our associate member, Tom Harp. Lanita said the Valley Voice, when you use that for advertising, are you using it to meet legal requirements or just public notice? Jack said that was for legal requirements. Lanita said they are not qualified for legal requirements as it is a third class periodical. If anybody would ever challenge us on advertising in the Valley Voice, they would win. They are a third class periodical and they had to advise people it was a public notice, but you will not meet legal requirements. She wanted everyone to be aware of that. Jack said the Township uses the Morning Call for our legal advertisements. Charlie said the Borough uses the Express Times for their legal advertisements. Lanita said the school for public reasons, do it through the second class periodicals, which is required. She just wanted to make sure we're aware of that for the future. Glenn said is it a matter of circulation? Lanita said no, it's a matter of the way you are set up as an entity. Jack said cost wise, if we couldn't use them, we'd like to use the Bethlehem Press. Lanita said you can use Bethlehem Press as they cover this area and are second class. Lanita moved for approval for the Treasurer's Report, second by Glenn. All in favor.
 3. **Approval to pay bills (if any)** – Jack said there are no bills to pay.
- D. **Saucon Valley Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan**
1. **DCED LUPTAP Grant Application** – Update – Jack said Charlie gave an update last month and he heard from Cindy Campbell that the State has no money to give out. Charlie said they will possibly give out two grants, but that was it. She hesitated in telling us as they are not sure until they approve those two grants. He will call her to see where it stands, but it doesn't look promising. Jack said it doesn't look too promising next year either; the way the budget is shaping up in the State.
- E. **Brief Reports and Discussion Items**
1. **Casino Impacts Funding/County Gaming Authority** – Update – Jack said Priscilla has been attending the meetings and the latest update is that they did approve an application for the gaming funds and it has been put on line on the County website under Community & Economic Development. That application period has opened primarily for the contiguous municipalities.

That is the five that surround Bethlehem plus the City of Bethlehem, and the County of Northampton and any other municipality in Northampton County who partners with one of the other seven entities. That application period runs until the end of July. He and Charlie are working to put together the application packet which, as far as the Township is concerned, is going to be a series of projects like police and fire. EMS is shared with Dewey Ambulance, so we'll be basically putting in the same project for that. For roads, one of them will be a joint project with the Borough which is the signal at 412 and Polk Valley Road. We're putting those together and will be submitting them. They indicated they hope to have the application on line, but that hasn't happened yet. We may wind up filling it out and mailing it in. We understand that we will have to go to the Gaming Authority in August or September and do an oral presentation on our application. Then he's a little hazy about when they are going to make the final decision. He thinks they are going to discuss it in the fall, and make their final recommendations and then, hopefully by the end of 2010, there will be some decision. It may be pushed back to 2011. The one issue, if Priscilla were here, she would mention that concerns her and she has voiced her displeasure about it, is that there has been money coming in from the Gaming Authority that's collected from the Sands. It's the Gross Terminal Revenue and that money, and he's not sure when the end date is, but it came in before the Gaming Authority was official, which would have been around the beginning of this year. It totaled about \$833,000.00. The County is getting the money and they are putting it in a bank account at Lafayette Ambassador and it will be there until it's issued in grants. The money as it comes into the County is supposed to be split into two pots. 50% is supposed to be for County needs and 50% is supposed to be for municipal grants, and that's the grants we are going to be applying for. Of those municipal grants, there is supposed to be a committed and a non-committed fund. The way that works, as far as we understand it, is that all of it from the beginning should be available as committed funds. Then the contiguous municipalities apply for the grants. If all of that money gets drawn down, then the committed funds go away, and they are exhausted. If it's not all gone, it rolls over to the uncommitted fund. That money then in the uncommitted fund is open for all of the municipalities in Northampton County to apply for. He's not sure at this time what the rules are. What happened and what Priscilla isn't happy about and we shouldn't be happy about it either is that the County Dept. of Community & Economic Development is saying that the \$833,000.00 that came in before the Authority was installed, has been deposited in the uncommitted pot. So, starting out right now from the 1Q10, there's about \$250,000.00 that has been collected for 2010. The \$833,000.00 is in the uncommitted fund and that should be added to this \$250,000 and not be made available to the rest of Northampton County. That's a problem and Priscilla been talking to them about it. She's not done and will make a motion at some point that that money be moved into the committed pot so that it will be there and available to us when we put in our grants. She did say she spoke to Alicia Karner, who is the head of the County DCED and she said something to the effect that they will wait and see how much the grant applications are that we submit and maybe they'll move the money into the committed. Speaking for the Township, we're going to be submitting projects that are way over the amount in the pot and it's going to be up to the Gaming Authority to choose whatever project they want. We'll see what happens. That's the way the situation it is and we'll get our applications in and hope for the best and see what happens.

2. Joint COG Projects (Rail-to-Trail; Joint Recreation Study Committee) – Update –

Saucon Rail Trail – Charlie said they've had an issue with the Water Street crossing. It requires moving the pedestrian flashing light to the vicinity of Front Street, and there will be push buttons at the rail trail crossing. The lights at Society Hill will also become usable for the rail crossing. They are waiting for an estimate from Signal Service, which is the signal provider, to find out how much that installation will cost and then they will go ahead and install it. It's a PennDOT requirement. They do have some estimates for fencing. Jack also has some estimates for fencing. Charlie spoke to Tom this morning and they are going to see if they can get some of the fencing going so we can at least be prepared as soon as we have all the ducks in order at Water Street to at least open up the Hellertown portion. Walnut Street also has a crossing, but they think they can work on that without a signal light. If we can do those two things, we have to wait until Public Works gets past the work

they are doing. Hopefully, in the late summer or early fall, we can put something together and get going. Jack said our one issue that is going to take time and money is the Meadows Road crossing. If you are going eastbound, it comes downhill going towards the banquet facility and goes around a sharp, left hand turn. There's a hazard there to the pedestrians crossing the trail. They've looked at two systems and he just found out one of them will not be approved by PennDOT which is called the speed table, and is a variation of the speed hump. It's flat kind of surface that the cars drive up on and drive down the other side. It's not approved because of the way the road characteristics are. They don't feel that could be approved. Even though it's not a PennDOT road, it's the same as putting up a street sign; they must meet PennDOT requirements otherwise they won't approve it. We're looking at the blinking lights/cross alert system which is a little bit more expensive, but that also has to be approved. The supplier of that system has had this product for some time, but has never gotten it approved by PennDOT. There's a PennDOT representative in the state of PA who you have to go through, one person who approves these types of systems on a case-by-case basis. We have to fill out a permit application and submit that and give them all the specifications, and hopefully they'll approve that, then we'll install that and that crossing will be safe for rail trail pedestrians to use. They are working on the fencing and recommendations for the surface and he will bring that to the Council meeting next week. He will mention another issue that came up at his Parks and Recreation Board meeting, which are horses on the rail trail. A member on Park and Recreation Board asked if that could be considered. He had mentioned to them previously that since we're basically on our own as the Rail Trail Advisory Committee hasn't gotten off the ground because our southern partners are taking their time to approve the agreement, the Rail Trail section, at least in the Township will be opened as a municipal recreation space. As such, in the Township, there are rules for each of the parks. Our rules for parks say that only canines are allowed in parks. We did that because of the dog park and it said the dogs in the dog park can run around in there off leash, but in the rest of the parks they must be on a leash and you must pick up after them. He told that to Parks and Recreation and to the Rail Trail Advisory Committee and said the ordinance doesn't allow horses in any of the parks. We've been talking about horses probably since the beginning of the Rail Trail Committee and what we discussed was they would not be allowed on the main trail which would be the gravel compacted trail where people walk on or bike on, but possibly another parallel side trail could be made up of some material like wood chips where they can walk on the sides. We never really came to any formal position or recommendation on that. At the Parks and Recreation meeting they made a recommendation asking the Council to consider that. That's something that will be coming in your packet. What he was going to suggest was it may be premature to make a decision to allow the horses on the trail because the other three municipalities really haven't decided what they are going to do. It would be awkward if you could ride your horse so far and then you had to turn around and go back. It would be a good idea to hold off on the decision. Charlie said they can't do anything about it this year as they are just trying to get people on the trail. Glenn said how do you handle the horse piles? Lanita said when they ride and if the horse pooped, they would have to go back and clean the poop. She couldn't clean it up until after she was done riding as she can't remount her horse. She would go back and the same thing where she lives when they ride on the street, when they are done riding, she would go back and clean it up. Her horses don't poop on the trail, but that all depends on the horse. There will be people on bicycles and walking. The two biggest things that spook her horses are people and bicycles. A car can go by, but if a person comes walking towards them, she would almost be reluctant to take horses as they'd freak out and she'd fall off and couldn't get back on the horse again. Her only question would be, if you are allowing dogs, isn't it discriminating to not allow a horse? Jack said there are other rail trails, like the Ironton Rail Trail where they said in the beginning they allowed horses, but then decided it wasn't good idea. First it was tearing up the trail, and he doesn't know if there were any problems with the horse poop. They allow dogs, but no horses. There are places where there are horses, bikers and walkers on trails. Steve LaBrake told them that at Jacobsburg State Park, you have to maneuver around the horse droppings. Up at the Lehigh Parkway, there are horses allowed on that and it's paved. Lanita said at Lake Nockamixon is perfect. Jack said we discussed them using a trail off to the side, but we never came up with a real plan. Lanita said you could just plant a grassy area. Jack said that will be tough and wood chips would be biodegradable and poop even stays on top of that. Charlie said

there was some concern about some kind of wood chips. Jack said it's something that interacted with the horses and would irritate the horse.

Glenn said he wasn't at the meeting with the stop sign option which was discussed at Meadows Road crossing. We're not permitted to put a stop sign there? Jack said the Engineer said that's not permitted. With the stop sign, there's no guarantee people are going to stop. They could just go through it. We're looking for motorists to yield to pedestrians. They could stop and then drive over the trail and someone could be coming out. Glenn said he'd think the stop sign would be the safest if we could do it. Jack said it came up pretty early in the meetings but the engineers didn't recommend it. The traffic study that is being done will be available and they are saying it supports the blinking lights. There would be blinking lights, signage, and a reduced speed which would be designed to have people slow down and approach the crossing in a cautious manner. Lanita asked if there was going to be a stop sign on the trail for the pedestrians. Jack said there would be and also access management gates to try and get people to get off of their bikes. Glenn said that's a good idea and you would be slowed down and realize there is a road here. Jack said that Meadows Road is our biggest issue. The rest: bridges, surfaces, fencing and crossing markings are not a problem. We hope complete it by the end of the year, hopefully in the fall.

Joe asked how about the visibility to the hikers and the bikers themselves? How far left and right looking down the street, how much can you trim the bushes and trees back? Jack said the one spot that is bad is looking west up Meadows Road as there's a home literally on the road with a big fir tree right on the corner. That really does block the line of sight of someone on the trail. As the driver comes down, it's blocking the line of sight for the motorist too. That's someone's property and we can't do anything about it. If you are walking northbound on the trail, it's a little bit better although there is a high embankment on both sides. You have to be very cautious and look both ways.

Joint Recreation Study Committee - update – Jack said the committee is limping along. Charlie said there were three of us at the last meeting. Jack said there are still good intentions to work on the issues which are to study all the recreation needs on a regional basis. We have representatives from the school, borough and the township there. We're bringing representatives from the sports organizations and trying to do an inventory of all the recreation assets we have in the Saucon Valley and trying to put that together. The first step was to look at it from a scheduling basis because we do have a lot of fields that can be used. If we can come up with some system to schedule them out then it would be more effective. The second thing was the maintenance issues. We are looking into what level of care is needed to take care of the fields, and what the cost is, those types of issues. They are still in the information gathering stage. With the help of Joe Hoffman from the Borough, they will be submitting a grant to DCNR for funds for a peer consultant who would be a Park and Recreation expert. They can come in and work with us to put together some other steps that we need to do to move toward a commission or authority or some sort of joint body that's going to be responsible for running the athletic facilities in the valley. Charlie said Joe should have something by the next meeting. There's a \$1,000 maximum match grant available. Joe said it would be less than that. Jack said they are going to work on a draft of a memorandum of understanding which basically sets down that we philosophically agree with this, but it doesn't commit anyone to anything or to giving up anything.

- 3. Roads & Traffic – (Polk Valley Road/412 Intersection HOP Application)** – Jack said there is no update on the traffic signal. He thought we were close to getting that. The good news is they haven't asked for any more information. Lanita said doesn't it seem the night when the McDonald's guy was here, he knew a lot more than we knew. Jack said he had some information about the signal, but it's wasn't all correct. He said that the light on Polk Valley Road would be blinking 24/7, but was only going to be red or green during school hours. That's not correct. It will be a regular light with a left turn signal. You pull up and it's going to red or green and a green turn signal allowing people to go south on Route 412. Mayor Fluck said how does the McDonald's traffic come out? Jack said we'll have to wait and see. They have to evaluate all the driveway

accesses on either side including McDonald's. PennDOT will determine what will work and what will not work. McDonalds has all the information as their Engineer asked for all the plans that we had put together. That's all been submitted to them, so we're waiting for PennDOT to make a decision. The body shop guy has been invited to look at the information, and we will have to approach him to get an easement on a couple of feet of property on the corner. He's not going to lose any of his property. Right now, with his parking lot you can come in and go out anywhere on either 412 or Polk Valley Road. The entrances and exits are going to have to be fixed in one location. On the other side, we will have to do the same thing with the shopping center. Charlie said the shopping center has been sold, so we have to talk to them. The last group was not too cooperative on this, but the Engineer, Jim Milot, has come up with something to minimize the number of parking spaces that they are going to lose along Polk Valley Road. He thinks they are only going to lose one spot which will make a big difference compared to what it was before. Hopefully, we'll get better cooperation and get the right-of-way easement.

Charlie said the signage for the school zone is all in place. He just got a revised plan which he gave a copy to Jack and Wally has a copy. They want two other changes to happen and these are on the Hellertown side. They want a new school zone sign on Walnut Street in advance of the 25 MPH speed limit sign. They are also questions about the one being located in front of the tree on Cedar Street. Tom probably put it behind the tree. They want a new one on Walnut Street 30 feet away from the other one. He looked at it tonight and he saw it very clearly. They asked for a second sign and will have that sign at the corner and another 30 feet down there will be another sign. We have to comply with that. The plan has been approved except for these two signs. Jack said for the record we should state that Tom put the signs where PennDOT told him to put the signs. Charlie said once the signs are in place, he'll call PennDOT and they can have a meeting.

Charlie said he saw the Township Adopt-a-Road signs that have been put up. Lanita said that's really neat. Jack said they have twelve (12) organizations and families who have adopted Township road for litter clean-ups. We put up signs with their name on it. There's a sign at Polk Valley Road with Saucon Valley Wrestling on it. The Township gives them the litter collection equipment and training and the group picks a weekend to go out. They pick up litter and the Public Works crew picks up the trash bags on Monday. The credit to this whole thing goes to the Sportsman's Club on Easton Road who approached us and asked us if they could clean up Ringhoffer Road. We said okay, that's a good idea. We threw it out there and the response has been terrific.

4. **Joint Enterprise Zone with City of Bethlehem** – Update – Charlie said he did talk to Rebecca last month and at that meeting she said there is no money for a new enterprise zone and the state will only be funding current enterprise zones. Our situation would be considered an expansion of the current established enterprise zone. She was going to talk to Bethlehem's consultant, Triad. He didn't get back with her, but it looks like Bethlehem is also looking for some loans for their enterprise zone and they wanted to get that in place. He thinks it's going to be a little while until this gets developed as they are working on Bethlehem's portion of it.
5. **Saucon Valley Compost Center** – Update – Charlie said he just did some quick statistics and the first seven weeks of this year versus the first seven weeks of last year, there were 1,463 sign-ins last year and 1,659 this year, almost 200 more, which is an increase of 13-1/2% for this year. He showed the group the Borough's solid waste record. What this shows is that the amount decreased dramatically when the compost center opened up. Some of it is also just the fact that they are pushing harder on recycling. It's clear that it's been averaging 3,500 to 3,700 tons and it drops like a rock and it's doing the same thing this year. Jack said a lot of the pickups were yard waste. Charlie said if you take the last data point, there are about 700 or 800 tons of material. Somebody in this group last month said they put out four bags of grass clippings, and he thinks that is what is happening. It's pretty amazing. Jack said the County is working on an update of the Solid Waste Plan which hasn't been done for about ten years. They have been holding meetings and, as you recall, Priscilla asked that we have Jim Birdsall the Township Engineer be our representative. Jim

has looked over the plan and supplied comments on it to the County. They are working on an update which they hope to have done by the end of the year to submit to DEP. The one issue that is a little controversial is that they are trying to negotiate a \$1 per ton fee with the landfills in Northampton County who are Grand Central and IESI. That \$1 per ton fee would be collected by the landfill from the haulers who drop off primarily Northampton County trash. That money will be used to fund the E-cycling events and household hazardous waste events that they've started holding in Northampton County. E-cycling is the computer recycling. There are several of those events being held around the County. They are getting mixed results. We hold them in the Township and it's been pretty successful. When they hold these other new events, it takes a while for them to get popular. The Household Hazardous Waste event is a very popular event. Hundreds of people come out. They have been holding it at Northampton County Community College. There are long lines of cars with people bringing lots of things. That started and it just grows and grows. It's very costly to run one of those events. It costs something like \$65,000 to just run the Household Hazardous Waste events. They need to keep these types of events going and this is why the County is asking for the \$1 fee. The landfills are not happy about passing it along to the haulers. IESI was one of the landfills that voiced its displeasure. We don't know where that's going to go. The other good news is that the state legislature did renew the recycling fee which funds the performance grants that the municipalities get for recycling for another ten years, so we're in good shape with that. In the Township, we still have to consider some options for yard waste pickups.

6. **Act 32 EIT Tax Collection Districts** – Update – Jack said Ed isn't here. Charlie said they had a meeting today. Jack said we haven't seen anything from them. Charlie said they sent the minutes out and looked like they were still looking for RFP's.

7. **Fire Services** - Update – Glenn said they met with the fire companies, the Lower Saucon Township fire chiefs and Dewey Fire Company chief. He was surprised to see all four Lower Saucon Fire Companies were considering consolidating and Hellertown came on board at that meeting. By consolidating, it doesn't mean all of them would be at one fire station. It means they are thinking of four or five independent units, to think operationally as one unit. They are all training now on each other's equipment so the closest trained person can go to the closest station and bring the truck to the scene and all the others can respond. It's actually operating as one unit as opposed to five separate units. They are also in the process of doing an inventory of all the equipment from all of the different stations to see where duplication is occurring which is something he's been asking for about five years. They are all coming to the realization that because of the lack of volunteers, something has to be done and they are responding in a way that they really need to respond. It was a very productive meeting last time. Jack said there were some things they were talking about like when they buy new equipment. When they have been getting their own trucks, they do tend to get loaded up with a lot of things they think they need with their individual fire company. They are now looking at a generic truck and trying to talk to Ricky at Dewey who is looking into buying one to join them. It would be one generic truck and be all the same for all the departments. Glenn said all the different trucks have different kinds of things on them, so they all need individual training. They want to keep it uniform throughout which is great. They are doing this to prevent the departments from having to go to paid staff. By training everyone within all the departments it is helping the situation so someone will most likely be available. Jack said the Township and the Borough adopted a policy a year or so ago that when we hire new Public Works people we would look for them to have firefighter skills so they can be released to answer fire calls during the day. They have two fire fighters in the Township who are in Public Works. The Borough has two. The Township just hired an employee in Public Works who is the Assistant Chief at Southeastern and is very well trained as a Public Works crewman and also trained as a fireman. We now have three people who can be released and they'd go to the nearest fire station. If it's a local call, they'd go to Se-Wy-Co. The people at Hellertown would go to Dewey and we'd have a good nucleus of people to respond when there are calls during the day. It's the 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM period from Monday through Friday which is critical. That's been

working very well, and we can keep working on some of these other issues. He's really impressed on what they've done on their own without anyone really pushing them.

8. **Library Services** – Update – Jack said there is also some positive news on this issue. We have had meetings between the Township Library Committee and we had a meeting with Robin Rotherham, the Director of Hellertown Area Library and her two board members. We just threw it out there and asked what it would take if we said the Township wanted to join the Hellertown library. We talked about it and they were going off to do some homework and discuss it at one of their board meetings. They have come back with some information and he's trying to set up a meeting by the end of this month where we can get the Township representatives together and the Borough can be there, Library Board members, and we can start talking about a possible transition. They have some ideas and we have to talk about those and see if they are feasible. There are a lot of issues to consider in order to accomplish this. After this meeting, if we all agree that this is the route we want to take towards joining together, he'd recommend that the Councils appoint a formal transition committee that can actually have members on there who can ask questions and really probe into the issues so we understand what we're getting into. It's looking favorable towards that first step and we'll have more information by the end of the month. That's another good process and everyone has been really great on sitting down and working on it.

9. **Leithsville Act 537 Plan** – Update – Jack said there is nothing new on this. Charlie said he actually talked to Gar today. In May, the survey crew from Hanover was going through the space between the creek, the ponds, and the marsh to Thomas Iron Works. They were surveying things and Tom Henshaw was out with the crew. They were surveying baseline points and picked up points that PennDOT or the State or the County has as points of reference, elevation points and location points and doing some preliminary topographic things so they could present something to a contractor so they could say, this is something we want an estimate on, for the borings. The estimate would be the stability, ground water table, whether they hit rock. They need to give the contractor something and tell him this is the tentative route. Gar said they are currently arranging with a contractor now to do that. They've got the information and a contractor they would like to hire. They expect to start in the beginning of June, the end of July, in that range, going from south to north with the borings. He would advise us to be here if there are any issues. The plan is pretty much what Gar presented to the Township already back in January. They'll be doing that work shortly to get the background data.

10. **Other Issues** - None

F. **County Report – Tom Harp** – Jack said Tom is not here, so he'll give a brief report. Yesterday was the County COG meeting. It was quite a lengthy agenda of updates. They had suggested to Tom at the last meeting that he get someone from PennDOT to give an update on the planned 412/78 work. The District Executive was there and gave an overview of PennDOT initiatives and briefly mentioned paving 412. It wasn't about anything specific to us. We didn't get anything about Route 378 or 412. It was a good meeting and the next meeting is in September at Palmer Township.

Charlie said Lori Sywensky mentioned that the CDBG grants are available again. They've been working on handicapped ramps in the Borough. They are asking for \$87,000 for a cost of \$247,000 that is being submitted.

G. **Citizens Commenting on Non-Agenda Items**

➤ Lanita had a question on IESI. She said the Township receives or has in the past, some type of tipping fee, when does that expire? Glenn said 2014. They have a permit for a certain capacity. Lanita said has that ever been renewed? Jack said they did have one expansion approved. Glenn said if they meet the capacity, it has to close. So what they do is file for an expansion and if there's an area to expand to, they do it. Lanita said we are not losing that money then? Glenn said Council would have to approve of the expansion. They have to come in front of Council. Lanita said at 2014,

they will be at capacity. Jack said under DEP requirements, if they want to expand, they have to give the Township five years notice. That could mean they have more than that capacity. With that money, we've been able to improve our infrastructure, like the Township buildings and the parks. Lanita said you've been using that money. Jack said all of those projects will be paid off in several years. They will be able to balance the budget without the landfill money when the time comes. In addition, we've been putting away an operating reserve. Lanita said who did the crosswalk at Borough Hall? Charlie said they heat the macadam up and put a design in. In this case, it was a brick design. Its heat compressed, and then they put down a colored grid that is melted into the groves. Lanita said how much is that? Charlie said in this case, we had to wait until 412 was done, and spend an extra \$7,000 to mill and pave those two approaches so we could impress this. The cost would have been around \$22,000 to \$23,000. It's more than what the grant is, but without the grant, they couldn't have done it. Bob Freeman gave them a grant for \$15,000 to install it, and an additional \$9,000 which was the engineering and other work. It's a test really. The way this works, for truck traffic, and it's a bad intersection, when the trucks wheels are moving on macadam, you could destroy it and this is a way to have it wear even. So far he thinks it's been positive. Lanita said what's the life expectancy? Charlie said Macungie has had them for two or three years already, but PennDOT rejected their design as they don't have white stripes on either side. He would say to wear down the quarter inch that it is imbedded; it's going to take years. Joe was at a meeting last night as he's on the Planning Commission, but we also have a Steering Committee, because we had a grant for \$90,500.00 we got a PA Walkable Communities Grant. They are looking at the downtown which ties in nicely with the Comprehensive Plan, and part of it is traffic. It's connecting to the rail trail as that's the transportation. The Planning Commission is going to give some feedback. Lanita asked if anything was going in where Rocco's is? Charlie said they are still trying to rent it. Lanita asked when the Service Electric people were going to be moving in? Charlie said he thinks they are having trouble picking floor tile. There's something going on among the principals. They are bringing things in. He walked through it along with one of the code inspectors and they did bring things like easels and the grid work for the computer controls and racks. They have a radon evacuation pipe in there.

Jack asked about the Reinhard School. Charlie said they declared it a blighted property because of its condition. The fire companies have been practicing there on the newer sections. The kids are also breaking into it. It's in very bad shape inside. The PA Historic Commission ruled that structurally it is eligible for listing, so we have to go through a procedure and have public meetings before we can demolish it. The county is helping and going to give us a grant of \$165,000.00 to demolish the building which would then become open. The grant money is federal. It doesn't mean it can't be demolished, but you have to go through these steps. If we would have knocked it down, we would have probably seen a reaction from the State. Jack said they did that also, and they want you to catalog and document the significant architectural features so that there will be a history of the building.

H. Events Calendar

<http://sauconvalleycalendar.blogspot.com>

I. Adjournment:

Jack made a motion to adjourn. The time was 8:15 PM.

J. Next Meeting: NO MEETING IN JULY; Wednesday, August 11 @ Lower Saucon Township; Wednesday, September 8 @ SVSD