

Saucon Valley Partnership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 14, 2012

- A. Call to Order – Leslie Huhn – 7:00 p.m.
- B. Present – Glenn Kern, John Bate, Priscilla deLeon, Cathy Kichline, Leslie Huhn, Camille Bartlett, Ed Inghrim.
- C. Council of Governments
1. Adoption of Council of Governments Minutes

Motion made by John Bate, seconded by Glenn Kern, to approve the September 12, 2012, meeting minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.
 2. Treasurer’s Report

Ms. Huhn – The fund balance as of October 31, 2012, is \$17,966.58. The checking account balance as of October 31, 2012, is \$3,873.09.

Motion made by Priscilla deLeon, seconded by Glenn Kern, to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Inghrim – Is everyone paid to date? Ms. Huhn – Yes.
 3. Approval to Pay Bills
There were no bills to be paid.
- D. New Business
1. Approval of 2013 Meeting Dates

Ms. Huhn – This is a draft of dates and can be changed with the exception of January’s reorganization meeting.

2013 Meeting Dates: January 9, March 13, May 8, September 11 and November 13.

Motion made by John Bate, seconded by Glenn Kern, to approve the 2013 Meeting Dates. Motion unanimously carried.
- E. Brief Reports and Discussion Items
1. Casino Impacts Funding/County Gaming Authority – Update

Ms. Kichline – The Gaming Authority asked the contiguous municipalizes to provide the costs associated for one police officer. There is some discussion about funding one police officer for each contiguous municipality. I submitted Hellertown’s information to them earlier today.
 2. Joint COG Projects (Saucon Rail Trail; Peer Recreation Study Committee) – Update
 - a. Rails to Trails
Mr. Inghrim – Were the boulders installed on the Rail to Trail?

Mr. Bate – Yes. The boulders are used to prevent ATVs and 4-Wheelers from getting onto the trail. The placement of the boulders has proven to be successful.

- b. Peer Recreation
There was nothing to report.

3. Roads & Traffic (Polk Valley Road/412 Intersection HOP Application) – Update

Ms. Kichline – I spoke with Mr. Cahalan about an update on the traffic light as McDonald’s has approached the Borough about updating their driveway apron. He had nothing to report.

Mr. Bate – I believe he is just doing improvements rather than reconfiguring for the possible light.

4. Regional Police Study

Mr. Bate – We met tonight and set more goals.

Mr. Kern – We are trying to figure out where the costs savings would be if there are any.

Mr. Inghrim – Is efficiency being taken into consideration?

Mr. Bate – There was some discussion on mutual aid.

5. Other Issues

1. Emergency Management Notification System

Mr. Bate – The Borough used the Hellertown Borough Authority’s notification system. We sent the messages out early. Lower Saucon Water Authority also has a phone system. It would be easier for the Township to “piggy back” on that system rather than get an independent system.

Ms. deLeon – I liked that the website kept residents up to date with alerts.

Mr. Bate – The online information is great but it only reaches a small number of residents. It needs to be backed up by a phone system.

Mr. Inghrim will meet with Mr. Rieger with regard to an Emergency Management Notification System that encompasses the school district, Lower Saucon Township and Hellertown Borough.

Mr. Inghrim – The Saucon Valley School District will begin streaming the School Board Meetings.

F. County Report

- 1. County Bridge #15 (Meadows Road Bridge)
There is nothing to report on County Bridge #15.

Ms. Bartlett – The Center for Animal Health and Welfare is cancelling all contracts with municipalities. Northampton County has contracted with Dave Woglom to do a research study on the stray animal problem in the County and solutions to the problem. The study will take a few months and we will hear back with findings and recommendations.

Ms. deLeon – What will happen with Lower Saucon Township finds a dog?

Ms. Huhn – We would pay \$150.00 to drop off the animal if they have room. They will not take the animal without payment or if there is no room.

G. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no Citizen comments.

H. Calendar of Events

Ms. deLeon – The LERTA was on the Township’s agenda but was taken off. I was comparing the map and the Saucon Valley School District approved a resolution that did not go with the map. The Majestic parcel is all in the City of Bethlehem. Now, they are expanding to Lower Saucon Township.

Mr. Inghrim – It was always part of Lower Saucon’s Township base. We were being asked to approve the piece of Lower Saucon Township that was seceded from the City of Bethlehem.

Ms. deLeon – Lower Saucon Township will hear from LERTA at the December 5, 2012, Council Meeting.

November 23, 2012 – Cash Mob at 3:45 p.m. at Dewey Fire Company and Hellertown Light Up Night at 6:00 p.m.

November 24, 2012 – Business Saturday. Please shop locally

November 30, 2012 – Roast and Toast of Shelley Goldberg from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Meadows. Cost is \$35.00.

December 3, 2012 – Heller Homestead Annual Holiday Gathering, David Lee Artist Reception, and Lee Weidner Book Signing from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

December 4, 2012 – Hellertown- Lower Saucon Chamber Holiday Mixer at Sagra Bistro from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00.

December 7, 2012 – Hellertown Historical Society Open House at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Inghrim – Please pass on to the Lower Saucon Township Public Works Department that they did a wonderful job clearing the roads after the hurricane.

Ms. Bartlett – Tom Ditmar is working on the recycling events for next year. There is a Joint COG meeting on December 11, 2012. Please advise me of any topics you would like to discuss or recommendation for guest speakers.

I. Adjournment

Motion made by Glenn Kern, seconded by John Bate, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion was unanimously carried.