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3 **Saucon Valley Partnership Meeting**
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5 Date: June 11, 2008
6 Time: 7:00 PM
7 Location: Lower Saucon Township
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9 A. **Call to Order:** Ed Inghrim

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11 B. **Roll Call:** Present - Ed Inghrim, Jane Balum, Priscilla deLeon, Tom Maxfield, Jack Cahalan, Charlie Luthar;
12 Guests: Jennie McKenna, Margie Segaline, Jason Pang, Don Rohrbach, Tom Dittmar, Tom Harp,
13 Northampton County; Consultants: AJ Schwartz and Carolyn Yagle; Dan Andrews, Morning-Call
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15 C. **Council of Governments**

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17 1. Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting were approved following a motion by
18 Priscilla with a second by Jane.
19 2. Treasurers Report - Jack said the balance as of May 31, 2008 is \$8,870.55. The only expense was a
20 \$60.00 payment for transcription services. The checking account fund balance as of May 31, 2008 is
21 \$35,950.35. There were no receipts or expenses during the month of May. On a motion by Jane seconded
22 by Tom the Treasurers reports for May were approved.
23 3. Jack said he needs approval for the \$60.00 invoice for transcription services for the month of May 2008.
24 On a motion by Priscilla seconded by Jane, the bill for \$60 from Diane Palik was approved.
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26 D. **Citizens Commenting on Agenda Items:**

27 Margie Segaline said it was brought up at a Lower Saucon Township meeting that the hours of the compost
28 center might be a detriment to some of the citizens based on their work schedule. She watched a number of
29 citizens in action trying to get to the compost center, and it kind of supported the idea that the hours need to
30 be shifted. Right now they close at 1:00 PM on Saturday. She doesn't have a suggestion. Charlie said at the
31 May meeting of the Yard Waste Recycling Committee, they did talk about that and they did budget the hours
32 for this season so expanding it we are kind of limited with the hours. Jack said they talked about keeping the
33 compost center open later in the year. We thought we could try to stretch it a little bit longer into winter
34 months. Jane said if we had citizens to volunteer to extend those hours for an extra three, maybe you could
35 overlap the person that is there. Jack said the Yard Waste Recycling Committee is trying to get volunteers to
36 help, and they will primarily help to check in the people at the gate. We still need Public Works staff at the
37 center directing people back to the drop off areas and operating the equipment, it would still have to be
38 manned. It would be a cost to the Township and Borough to put Public Works people there. They are
39 discussing the staffing to see that we have enough there to maintain safety. We are going to be looking at
40 that. Jack said we are going to have the Committee meet again and it's still an issue and we recognize the
41 problem, but don't have a solution yet. Margie said couldn't the hours be shifted to later in the day? Charlie
42 said the only problem with the Borough is that he doesn't know if Tom has an additional person. It's
43 something we can look into and can talk about that later on.
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45 E. **Citizens Commenting on Non-Agenda Items:** None

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47 F. **Saucon Valley Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan**
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49 1. **Draft Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan**

50 Carolyn said the comments that were received; they are correcting the draft so it is ready for the June 30
51 public meeting. What's going to be forthcoming is the full draft, parts 1 and 2, which we started last
52 month and we have part 3 which is all of the background mapping, economic analysis and demographics.
53 She wants to extend the conversation about some of the items that we touched on, but could or could not
54 go further with. She will give a recap about where we are. We have put together an outline that has three
55 components. The first component looks at the opportunities and challenges. What's out there and how it's

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1 impacting potential development. We have the ten goals back from wintertime. We then get into the
2 recommendations and there's the future land use plan, the infrastructure, the civic amenities, business
3 development, economic development and regional relationships. Part 2 gets into the action plan. She
4 brought an updated version of that. There are a few that are goal oriented. In Part 3 we get into all the
5 existing conditions, the mapping and all of the tables. We're on our way to putting this overall draft
6 together. One of the things we want to think about in this discussion, was a little bit more about energy, a
7 little bit more about potential for zoning, a little bit more about the parking and some of the infrastructure
8 things in downtown Hellertown, and lastly, the cultural resource component which was public comment
9 at the last meeting. How can we use our cultural resources as a backbone of moving our economic
10 development opportunities? Priscilla said we talked about incorporating historic areas in the community
11 and we are still missing some. Se-Wy-Co, that's a combination of Seidersville, Wydnor and Colesville
12 and it should be mentioned somewhere. She doesn't want to lose that. There are a lot of other areas. We
13 don't want to lose the old names we have. That's our history. We need to beef that up somehow.
14 Carolyn said she can mail or email digital copies to the SVP after the public meeting to introduce these
15 concepts.

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17 **2. Joint Zoning Ordinance**

18 Carolyn distributed a handout. The first page is the benefits and challenges of looking at individual
19 community ordinances. There are pluses and minuses to the situation. Pages 2 and 3, they broke down
20 some benefits and challenges. For example, if there was a Zoning Ordinance that was pursued jointly -
21 what does joint mean? It has a lot of different answers. There are lots of flexibility in terms of how
22 things can be set up and the roles and responsibilities that groups may have as well as the formal structure
23 of groups. A through E are five common topics between the two charts, the designations and land uses;
24 the administration/enforcement/interpretation; the roles of review or the decision making bodies, the
25 document structure, and funding opportunities. This exhibit is assuming the community will be seeking
26 joint funding for any sort of ordinance updates they are doing.

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28 AJ said if you are going to pursue funding for technical planning, going to DCED, they are going to
29 evaluate your grants. Carolyn said there is a general concept that the Commonwealth is trying to promote
30 and that is multi-municipal planning and they are looking for communities who are trying to pursue
31 things jointly. AJ said when they evaluate grants, it's not saying you can't get funding, but if there are
32 other communities who have done joint planning, they will rank higher. Carolyn said focusing on A
33 through D, individually as you have your ordinances, you are able to assign your own district names to
34 things and go in terms of your history and maintain those things. If you want to use overlays, and
35 address things specifically, like Hellertown and the Water Street, Main Street areas, that could be treated
36 as an overlay, but there may be a certain features like the sizes of buildings, parking, or other
37 characteristics. Whether you are in an individual ordinance or in a joint ordinance, overlays are
38 something which is a benefit. One of the challenges that can be encountered, each community needs to
39 provide full range of land uses, and that means from every thing that is desirable to everything that is not
40 desirable. There have been some approaches by communities that have sort of read a little into the MPC
41 or got a little bit creative with the MPC, and one of the individuals at DCED, said so long as the
42 communities who are sharing the comprehensive plans are updating their ordinances at the same time, in
43 the same spirit, and following along with the components of the comprehensive plan, it may not be as
44 strict as some might interpret it to be in the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). There is a little bit of
45 latitude, but not clear as to how much latitude the communities could have. The coordination between
46 the two communities would have to be carefully ironed out. AJ said, for example, if all kinds of
47 industrial, employment types of uses were in Lower Saucon and each community did their own zoning
48 ordinance, and five years down the road Lower Saucon said they didn't want any industrial zoning and
49 changed the zoning map, that means there is no industrial use permitted in either community even though
50 they have a comp plan. The courts would look at that and say how is the zoning consistent with the
51 comp plan because you did a joint comp plan. You could legally have some trouble. Tom said you said
52 DCED would give you some leeway, however, someone challenges your joint zoning ordinance, DCED

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1 is not qualified, it goes to a judge. AJ said correct, you are always at the mercy and could go back and
2 talk to DCED. Be very careful, and he can honestly tell you if you've done projects that have led to joint
3 zoning ordinances or individual and what tends to happen is when they become individual, there is
4 always a concern that one community is going to jeopardize the spirit of what was in the plan as they are
5 still able to change the ordinances.
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7 Ed said he was confused at the last meeting as you mentioned each of the governing bodies could
8 maintain their own planning committee, but also need a joint Planning Committee. Carolyn said the
9 communities can use the MPC to have several different versions. Newtown area in Philadelphia, has a
10 joint Planning Commission, they have a joint comprehensive plan, three municipalities. They created a
11 joint plan and formed a joint Planning Commission. They have maintained their individual planning
12 commissions as well. AJ said they are reading from the same page, the same music, from the same sheet,
13 but there are different individuals, so that is a scenario acceptable in the eyes of the MPC. Carolyn said
14 the sub-committee that's been assigned, is the individual planning commission and it's a technical
15 process just to say, we as a sub-committee, were enabled by the Joint Planning Commission to look at
16 that issue and we did that and are going to go to the Joint Planning Commission with our
17 recommendation and that recommendation is considered by the Joint Planning Commission and they
18 forward it on to that pertinent elective body. AJ said the elected bodies don't have to follow the
19 recommendation that the Planning Commission made. Carolyn said it's how comfortable the
20 communities work with each other as well as the insight that the Planning Commission members
21 have...in terms of what is their focus, how objective are they in looking at things, how are they looking at
22 the benefits jointly? If something is going to happen from a development standpoint in Lower Saucon
23 that people at the Joint Planning Commission level in Hellertown are at the same table and are able to see
24 what are the traffic impacts or what are the sewer or storm water, in the Main Street Corridor, so that
25 would feed into it as well. How fervent do the members of the Planning Commission want to make sure
26 they understand what the balance is in terms of development, not just commercial or houses or footage,
27 but storm water and some of the other things. AJ said it's only been about ten years, so in fairness, they
28 may be getting at a point where they want to have that structure, but we haven't just seen it yet as the
29 state is pushing in terms of encouragement. Tom said did the Planning Committee's share the ordinance?
30 AJ said yes. You can have separate ordinances and maps and an agreement that says if you change
31 something on the map, it's not going to jeopardize the Joint Planning. Option 2 is you have a joint
32 comprehensive plan and you do the joint ordinance and the map and you have a separate Planning
33 Commission. Priscilla said the first option you would each have your own Planning Commission. So
34 that's an option. AJ said Option 2 is you have your joint comprehensive plan, you develop a joint
35 ordinance on the map, you maintain separate planning commissions, you still have the same rules and
36 regulations, and you still have the same map. When you go to change it, you have to do it together. The
37 third option is the Pittsburgh option, where you develop a joint map, a joint comprehensive plan, and a
38 joint Planning Commission, but they created a sub-committee so they could still have local review. He
39 would strongly advocate that whatever scenario you take, maintain the joint zoning board, maintain
40 individually, until you've got the legs and the competence. Carolyn said what is happening to groups that
41 have developed a joint ordinance and formed a joint Planning Commission; they are recognizing as they
42 developed the ordinance and put things in special exceptions, that it may, in the next few years, be
43 beneficial to move towards those joint zoning hearing boards. They have all agreed we need to leave this
44 door open. They haven't said no, we aren't going to do it. As they have been developing the draft
45 ordinance, they can see some benefits as to getting everybody to the table about some of the land use
46 decisions, or how is access treated on some of their main corridors. There are some things they are
47 recognizing, let's keep it off to the side right now and work with the joint Planning Commission. Ed
48 asked if they have a joint school district? Carolyn said two of the three do. Ed said that creates a lot of
49 synergy. AJ said it's harder and harder to get good people, times are getting hard. That seems
50 simplistic, but it's true, especially when you have meetings, and can't get a quorum, that's an issue.
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1 AJ said even though the Planning Commissions were to review the plan, they have to make a
2 recommendation and the other council has to be notified of that as part of the intergovernmental
3 cooperation because they treat things as a developmental and regional impact. You have to give the
4 other community time extra time to comment, so there's an extra step there. Carolyn said it's a whole
5 separate piece of the MPC, its developmental and regional impact that join community efforts like this. It
6 becomes a separate process, and you would, as two communities, need to also prepare an agreement that
7 you would respect things that are outlined in the MPC and you are going to be following the rules and
8 submitting things to one another.

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10 Someone said it sounds ridiculous. Let's say Community A wants to change the boundary of their
11 commercial district on Main Street and there's five parcels, they want to incorporate. The way the MPC
12 is structured, Community B must weigh in if it's still consistent with the spirit and you have to give them
13 a time frame. Community B may say it's not an issue, they could do it in 1/2 hour, but they still have to
14 give them a 30 day comment period. That's just the way the MPC is structured. Everybody is
15 conservative because if they don't follow that procedure, they don't want to open themselves up and
16 somebody could challenge them as they didn't go through all the steps they were supposed to go through.
17 The one recourse is the one community could take you to court over that agreement. Carolyn said in part,
18 in the case of that particular agreement, the communities decided to maintain their individual ordinances
19 and individual bodies, so the amount of time that an individual community is going through and making
20 their own decisions, but the other community is aware, but not at the same level, if they were joining at
21 the same table, where they were hashing those things out in an objective manner all along the way. The
22 likelihood of it getting to that severity is very small. It may take a little more back and forth, but it's a
23 whole lot better than being surprised by what Community B has decided to do. AJ said when a project
24 comes along, the community has to tell the other communities, and it goes to the Planning Commission
25 and the Planning Commission has 30 days to review that, then it goes to the Council. The Council is the
26 one that will make comment back to the originating community in 60 days. There were a lot of
27 discussions about that, and it was the only thing they could come up with that they were all agreeable
28 with. It's for large scale developments. Margie said the 60 days could be pushed further along because it
29 has to be advertised for the public. AJ said they did not require formal actions from the respective
30 Council's. They needed comments back from the Council's. Once a plan comes in for approval, the
31 clock starts ticking, so that host community has to have some sort of comments back to the original
32 developer. Carolyn said it is complex and going back to one of the reasons it is, they've all decided to
33 keep their individual ordinances, their individual maps, Planning Commissions, individual everything.
34 There's not one time they are sitting down at the same table. They are looking at things in their own
35 buildings, writing the responses, taking it over to the neighboring community. AJ said you have to put so
36 many more protective measures in to protect yourself when you are not at the same table.

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38 Don Rohrbach asked if there was not a joint ordinance and they kept everything individual, if they want
39 to have progress in their area, like building a Wal-Mart, and the other town said they can't afford that,
40 how would it be settled? AJ said in the case where they did not have a joint ordinance and they kept
41 everything individually, his best guess is it would go to mediation. The court would come back and say
42 yes, they would require the host community do, for instance, a traffic study, storm water management, etc.
43 to mitigate those impacts on the other communities. We all know this does not solve the problem, and
44 that's part of why PA is saying in these situations where 400 examples in PA of this exact scenario like
45 we are talking about, there's a better way to do it. If you have a joint ordinance, a joint map, and you had
46 communities at the table, you probably could have hammered out some solutions early on. It may not
47 have stopped the Wal-Mart, but you may have come up with a better solution. For example, Hellertown
48 and Lower Saucon are very different communities. How many things do you actually share...the same
49 road systems, your natural lays of the land...what happens related to rain fall and the township does have
50 an impact in terms of Hellertown. You are different, look different, but you really are together. You
51 doing some joint planning does make sense. Jennie said the very fact that we are different, makes us
52 very compatible from a zoning perspective. Carolyn and AJ said absolutely. Someone said if you put

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1 two farm communities together, forget it, what's the value. AJ said you are absolutely right. From a
2 planning perspective, you have more advantages than putting two farm communities together. Priscilla
3 said the original concept for the multi-municipal plan, was to have both municipalities save money and
4 work with the school district, but now she hears there are more layers being added sometimes, the level
5 of planning, etc., but we also wanted to preserve the character of Hellertown and the character of Lower
6 Saucon, and the only way to do that was try to say what we looked like. When we started the COG, we
7 chose to work on the joint multi-municipal plan because it was too hard to do the joint zoning. We
8 thought the two municipalities were going to start working together. She doesn't know if we are at that
9 time or place with the two communities. Tom asked for an example of the makeup of the joint Planning
10 Commission. AJ said he'd recommend three members per community for the joint Planning Commission.
11 He wouldn't do five members because you get 10 people in Planning Commission, which gets to be too
12 much. People have done it a variety of ways. One community would have four for a three year and term,
13 and then in the next years, the other community would have four for a three year. Priscilla said you could
14 have one member from the school district and that would be the balanced position. AJ said he has to see
15 how the rules are written to see who can sit on the Planning Commission. If you're not a property owner,
16 he's not sure you can sit on the Planning Commission. Tom said the state requires the Planning
17 Commission to have an odd number of members. He sits on the Planning Commission and the value he
18 sees is it takes a lot of time to learn what you are doing and a lot of our planners are there term after term,
19 and to keep switching like that might not be good. AJ said you can write that in your by-laws as you
20 want to have some level of tenure. Priscilla said that the three options, she'd like to see them in a
21 diagram. AJ said sure, they can email it to them.

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23 **3. June 30th Public Meeting**

24 Carolyn said for the 30th, the meeting will run from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the school district.
25 Invitations have gone out to about 75 to 80 invitees and emails have gone out. They are anticipating in
26 the two hour format that the first 45 minutes is dedicated to going into the concepts of the plan. They are
27 going to be highlighting the key concepts in terms of actions and then letting people discuss the benefits
28 and challenges to those key concepts. Then we'll be talking about how the plan will be coming online.
29 While this is all happening, in terms of the review, we are going to be talking to the two Planning
30 Commissions, anticipating on the 19th, we'll be at Lower Saucon and then on July 8th, we'll be at
31 Hellertown Borough's Planning Commission meeting. When we put together the schedule, we have to
32 make sure that Planning Commissions members as well as Council members give us their feedback. The
33 45 day formal public review period doesn't start until later on but we want to make sure we've covered
34 the bases on people's questions so when the document goes out for the official period, it has addressed
35 the questions that the Planning Commission members and Council members have raised. As it
36 progresses throughout the summer and into the fall, we're looking for adoption, as budgeting comes up in
37 the fall, and this document will be a foundation piece if you are moving forward. Then the individual
38 communities will be looking towards the partnership to making formal recommendations of what they
39 should be pursuing from the budget standpoint and from a time standpoint. Jack said hopefully we're
40 getting the plan to the Planning Commissions and if both Planning Commissions can see their way to
41 making a recommendation to the Councils, it should be coming to the Councils in July. We are shooting
42 for the July 21st council meeting in Hellertown. July 8th is their Planning Commission meeting. We're
43 shooting at a deadline of July 31st to start the 45-day comment period. The goal is that it would be on the
44 Hellertown Council agenda for September 15th and Township Council agenda for September 17, 2008.
45 Priscilla asked if the school district takes action? Carolyn said they can review it during the 45 day
46 period. They are a participant in that, in terms of the resolution, they would be signing as they are a SVP
47 member. The School Board would have to pass a resolution. Someone said they will have a vested
48 interest in the land use, parks, and recreational use. Jack said they are working on the arrangements for
49 the June 30th meeting. They think they have everything lined up. Carolyn said they look forward to
50 getting together with the Planning Commission next week and attending the township meetings so they
51 can recognize some of the concepts.

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1 **G. Brief Reports and Discussion Items**

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3 1. **Casino Impacts Funding – update**

4 Jack said he and Charlie went to the meeting on Monday with Mr. Stoffa and there's not much to report
5 from that meeting. He handed out a letter from Bethlehem Township, regarding the funding proposal that
6 the contiguous municipalities had made to the county...they had a coalition and put together a proposal
7 and sent it to Mr. Stoffa on how to divide up the gaming funds. Our proposal was to split it evenly
8 among the five municipalities. Bethlehem Township had a different idea to do it per capita and ours was
9 to just slice it into five portions of the pie. We did receive the letter from Bethlehem Township. One of
10 the things they are suggesting is that Bethlehem Township host a meeting with each municipality's
11 representative. He knows Borough Council has taken this up and has sent a response to Bethlehem
12 Township. Charlie said they heard from Hanover Township and they felt the five way share was the way
13 to go. Freemansburg turned it down at their Council meeting. Hellertown Council voted to leave open
14 the option of sitting down with Bethlehem Township and let them know that the distribution we talked
15 about is the way it should be correctly done and not a per capita thing. You don't want to turn down an
16 offer like that. The Borough would certainly want to listen. One other thing they recommended was that
17 John Stoffa be present for this discussion. Jack said he will put this on the agenda for the Township
18 Council. He wouldn't turn down an opportunity to talk to the other municipal representatives. If we are
19 going to have a meeting, let's have it with the County Executive there. Charlie said the letter also said
20 we would participate with all the other communities. Jack said there isn't too much to report at the
21 meeting from Monday, other than Mr. Stoffa did advise the committee that the County General Purpose
22 Authority is open to being the body to receive the gaming funds and distribute them. They are open to
23 that, but it has to be approved by the County Council. With the Sands in Bethlehem, the estimate of the
24 revenue keep going up and it's coming from the Department of Revenue.

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26 Charlie said in the papers, the legislature is considering legislation to allow table games at the casinos.
27 Jack said House Bill 2121 has been introduced and the legislature is supporting its adoption. The state
28 wants to tax the table gaming at around 45% and the casinos are saying that they can't make a profit if
29 the tax is over 15%. The tax on the slots is 60%.

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31 2. **Joint COG Projects**

32 Jack said we are making progress with SEPTA on the Rails to Trails project. There's been a
33 breakthrough on their end and they are going to work with us on a lease agreement for the eight mile
34 stretch from Upper Saucon to Hellertown. They have starting looking at draft language for an agreement.
35 We are shooting for a public meeting at the end of July for all the public bodies. By that time, we hope to
36 have a right of entry permit from the railroad which will allow the planners and engineers to get on the
37 line and start scoping out what we need to do. We'll have information available for the public and they
38 can ask questions. Charlie said the paving project which includes the Township, Borough and the school
39 district is another joint project. We had to adopt an ordinance and inter-municipal agreement. The
40 ordinance will be on Borough Council agenda the next meeting. Jack said it will be on Township agenda
41 next meeting.

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43 3. **Polk Valley Road/Walnut Street intersection enhancements – update**

44 Jack said on the Polk Valley Road/412 intersection signal, we've got the application into PennDOT and
45 we have to set up a meeting with the property owners. Charlie said the Walnut Street intersection is
46 coming along and everything is happening at the same time. They are making progress. They will be
47 working on the curbing at Rite Aid and are being careful with the property owners.

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49 4. **Joint Enterprise Zone with City of Bethlehem – update**

50 Charlie said Bethlehem has designated an individual for this effort. They've got approval for their part
51 and they are looking for a Coordinator to work on this project and they will come back to us. Someone
52 said is the property along Easton Road part of this Enterprise Zone? Charlie said south Bethlehem is

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1 pretty much labeled on Bethlehem's agenda. Lower Saucon can certainly consider the Enterprise Zone.
2 Hellertown was talking about the area between High Street, Main Street and to the west which includes
3 the spark plug factory and also along the railroad tracks if the Council wants to do that.
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5 **5. Hellertown – Lower Saucon Compost Center – update**

6 Jack said Charlie said that the number of residents using the facility has really shot up this year for the
7 Borough and the Township. We did have the first meeting of the Yard Waste Recycling Committee and
8 it was a good meeting. We recommended the budget for 2008 for the center and he took it back to
9 Township Council for their approval. They are looking at drafting policies and procedures for the Center.
10 They are looking at ways to promote the compost center to the residents of the municipalities. One of the
11 things that came out of the meeting, was an issue Jane had raised about the compost, what's in it. Do we
12 make any guarantees about it? We did some research on it and we came up with a disclaimer on the sign
13 up sheets and it says when they take the mulch with them, the SV Compost Center does not make any
14 guarantees concerning the quality of the mulch. They do not have the equipment up there, so a local guy
15 comes up there and grinds up the leaves and branches for mulch. We don't need the tub grinder more
16 than a couple days a year. We don't want the equipment sitting there all year.
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18 Tom Dittmar said for your site, he's trying to find out from all the COG meetings, to get a joint group
19 together and buy one machine and see how we are going to maintain it, are we going to train one person,
20 etc. It's going to be a headache, but he's going to try it again. He has a couple of ideas and has to sell
21 the ideas. Coming to the COG meetings has been helping him. Jack said one of the other things is the
22 electronics recycling drop-off events and these seem to be popping up all over. Tom said Bethlehem just
23 did one, there's one scheduled in October and one in Nazareth in October. He's trying to schedule for
24 next year already. Household hazardous waste is a good thing, as they did it already and people were
25 backed up in long lines waiting to drop stuff off. He wants to do it at Northampton County Community
26 College in October. They are trying to negotiate with the college so they could get one central location.
27 You need a parking lot away from the flow of traffic. He doesn't want people sitting for more than ten
28 minutes in line. They'll send out a card, have the people pre-register, and give them a time, and the
29 people come with the card, and they will work it like that. The cost and liability in setting up a household
30 waste program is astronomical – around \$100,000. You need to find a central point. There's no easy
31 center right now set up. You look at larger population. Center it around the college and people can come
32 from all directions. It's very costly to have each municipality set something up. He's willing to help out
33 as much as he can. He has a lot of plans to make a lot of changes within the next year. He would like
34 to see all the yard waste sites around as he could help them. Act 101 came from New Jersey and he was
35 on the advisory committee at New Jersey, so he's been involved in this. Jack and Charlie will give Tom
36 a call and invite him out to the compost center.
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38 **6. Tax Reassessment – update**

39 Ed said nothing is new and some of us are thinking of getting some schools together to file a class action
40 suit.
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42 **7. Fire Services – update**

43 Jack said the only thing new is we've not heard anything from DCED for the fire services task force
44 process. They sent another letter to them to come and meet with us and help us with that process.
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46 **8. Leithsville Act 537 Plan – update**

47 Jack said Lower Saucon Authority is still putting together the response to the letter of concerns that came
48 from Hellertown Borough on the Leithsville sewer line.
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9. **Other Issues**

Jack said Priscilla deLeon got an email from the PACOG with an interesting offer and you can read about it and they are inviting someone from our group to attend their conference for free. If anyone is interested, you can look at the brochure.

Jack said relative to the skate board park, he handed out a newspaper article about the skateboard facility that is going to be built along the South Bethlehem greenway and it looks like this is going to be a world class facility. The skateboarders talked about going to Allentown, so this would be a lot closer.

H. **Events Calendar**

<http://sauconvalleycalendar.blogspot.com>

Priscilla said she will update it shortly.

I. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. following a motion by Priscilla seconded by Jane and unanimously approved.

J. Next meeting: Wednesday, July 9, 2008 @ 7:00 PM at Hellertown
(August 13th - LST; September 10th - Saucon Valley School District)