

I. OPENING

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:32 p.m. with Dru Germanoski, presiding.
- B. **ROLL CALL: Members:** Dru Germanoski (6:32 p.m.), Jennifer Helton, Laura Ray (6:35 p.m.), Allan Johnson, Cheyenne Reiman; **Associate Members:** Kathy Pichel McGovern, Russell Sutton, Chad Heimbecker (6:35 p.m.). **Staff:** Carol Schneider; **Jr. Council Member:** Harrison Vicic; **Absent:** Members: Ann Spirk & Thomas Carocci; Associate Member: Janine Bohnam & Winfield Clark; **Guests:** Tim Steely, Gregory Boardman, Robert Welch & Mark Ozimek.
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)** – None

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **GOALS AND PROJECTS FOR 2024 CHART** – Dru said one of the first order of business that we have on the agenda was to evaluate goals and projects for 2024, so Carol assembled this into a chart. When we brainstormed about this, people developed a lot of good ideas and so then the one question becomes we want to make sure we have an agenda we try to follow by way of goals and projects so various people here, he's sure, suggested various of these goals or objectives. He said why don't we go through the list and try to get sense of sort of the level of enthusiasm so that we can kind of not bite off too much and make sure that we have a realistic set of goals for the year.

Jennifer said why don't we each look at three that they find most important, maybe table this so that we don't go through every single one and like you said, focus on what's more important over the upcoming year.

Dru said so you are saying that each of us should rank three or list three and then see how that comes out? Jennifer said yes because we have a lot here and this could take quite a bit of time. Dru said if we go through every single one, right? Jennifer said right, and that's why she was hoping maybe...Dru said that's not a bad idea.

Laura said she noticed there's a few of them that are actually redundant. They are almost the same thing, so she wanted to get a chance but she didn't to maybe consolidate like there's plant sale and sell pollinator plants so there's like three things that are the same. Maybe the list is a little bit smaller than it looks.

Kathy said she was just going to say another suggestion is each of us just say the three that we are interested in. She knows she already started because we missed February and March and it doesn't either way.

Dru said so is the suggestion that each one go through individual ones and in essence, vote on whether...Kathy said she's trying to be respectful with Jennifer's request and perhaps maybe a suggestion is to go around and see which three we are interested in. She knows she started on one of them or at the end of the day we are trying to save time, so whatever works is easiest.

Dru said so you are suggesting go around the table and people list, he's not hearing correctly. Kathy said correct, like Kathy, which three do you want? Boom, boom, boom. Chad, which three do you want? Boom, boom, boom, unless we're not ready which is also possible.

Dru said he thought that's what Jennifer suggested too. Kathy said table it to next meeting. Jennifer said she thinks she doesn't just want to get into each one and all the idiosyncrasies of each and every one. Chad said so maybe a ranking system would be good where we can eliminate some of these and focus on the top priority ones but are we going to vote on those now or do we want to add up and tally of which ones seem to be the most important. Dru said if we went around each person and they list three things. We could check them off and then there's going to be a process of elimination as some things aren't going to resonate. The question becomes are we ready to do that? We have to review or look at

the list individually for a minute or two. Why don't we start there and take a minute or two? We can all go through the list and see what it is that resonates with us. Then we'll go around.

Kathy said two of these are C., correct as in our agenda? Designate Adopt-a-Road contact and set up spring and fall dates. Right? Chad said right.

Dru said he thinks she is right. There are some things that are very similar so when you list your three things and see that two or three things should be lumped together, that will be the most efficient way for us to do that lumping he thinks. Jennifer said there's projects like waste water and clean up, you can almost have like categories. Dru said one thing we can address that is almost a separate entity which is the adopt-a-road clean-up. We've done that forever so he doesn't think we have to list that as a priority for anyone because that's a give so he doesn't need to say waste our time discussing it. We'll just establish days. Are we ready to go? He will start with Kathy.

Kathy said she reached out to three different representatives. There are three different house bills that were out there. 579, 783 and 1322, all of those house bills were presented and she doesn't know what happened to them. They didn't make it but she doesn't know. One is bottle recycling, getting money back, you know the 5 cents for the bottles and aluminum and one is on Styrofoam containers. So, she started inquiring where is this bill? What happened to this bill? Why wasn't it supported? You know and then get the information and bring the information back to this group of what can we vitalize one of these bills and get them back up, so that's one. The second one is the environmental justice one as she made contacts with him last year so her thought was have him come here and explain what environmental justice is and does our area qualify or not qualify. Then her third one, she'll take whatever is left because those two she already started on. Dru said what was the third one? Kathy said whatever one she gets stuck with that's left.

Dru said Chad do you have any? Chad said he doesn't know if it's specific, but there's a couple things here that seem like they go together, so the three things that he feels interested in being involved with most would be some sort of recycling awareness or the trash to art, that kind of thing where you are taking garbage related and we are reducing consumption and finding alternate ways of helping our community get recycling done instead of our trash all being comingled. The pollinator species and the bats, the fauna and then also the native flora, nature trails, informational sessions, hikes, those kinds of things. So, you can put him down to help being involved with any of those three kinds of categories, okay; however, he can fit in and that goes back to one of the items. He doesn't know if it's on here but to get the email set up so we can start a Facebook page to get some information out which he doesn't want to derail the conversation but like today he saw on one of the local Township groups was this Nextrex thing the school is doing, okay, where they are taking the kind of plastics that are not being recycled currently and so he's strongly supportive of this kind of thing. So, it's already an ongoing program but to be involved with this on some level. He thinks this is good tie-in. It shows how he wouldn't have known they were doing this without a Facebook post. So, he thinks that amplifies that so he doesn't know if we have to get that email done. He hopes that is something we can just request and to have done and not have it be voted on. He thinks that was on the agenda at one point. Laura said she thought it was on the agenda as well. Dru said is the idea there you have the Township assemble an email list of residents? Chad said at least as a, well...Cheyenne said social media and in order to set up a social media page you have to have an email that goes with it like some kind of email that is accessible to everyone. Chad said like Lower Saucon Township. Cheyenne said yes. Chad said a generic catch-all email address that could be used as a contact point. Kathy said for these members. Cheyenne said basically just to let the public know what we have going as a group. It's one thing to have a website but people have to take action. If you are just sitting there just scrolling away it might pop up and generate more news for the cause. Chad said like there's an event going on this weekend, just to get it out. Cheyenne said correct. Chad said like to start promoting it like the clean-ups that we are going to do. Dru said just to be clear, ultimately base or work on EAC centric clearing house for this. Chad said in a way, yes. Dru said okay. He asked Harry if he wanted to contribute or say anything? He doesn't want to put him on the spot. Harry said he has some ideas. Like you said the trash because a lot of the litter that is on the ground is not recyclable and like it's just going to be filling up the landfill anyway.

It's something that's important because it like takes something like is ugly and unsightly and then turns into something really nice. It brightens up the community. Like she said, the social media is definitely a big deal. He's a younger person and at his school he plays tennis. It's certainly not one of the bigger sports at his school. They have basketball, soccer, all of those that are really big. They had a school tennis Instagram account for the tennis team and they do a really good job and he thinks that brings the tennis team to the forefront of like the sports team at their school so he thinks if you guys set up a social media account, it could definitely make a huge difference like bringing it to people's attention. That's all.

Dru said he's going to refrain and go around the room. Allan said he'd like to recommend having a drinking water and well water discussion among ourselves. In other words, bring in information and email it to each other so that we are all on the same page and then have a discussion about what we think about it. The next thing would be to invite Dru to talk about recharging water beds and then the third one is well, maybe we can get, Penn State Extension to come out and speak about road side dumps and water quality because road side dumps put a lot of pollution into the water, into the ground water. So, those are his three things. They all deal with water quality and learning about it. Dru said just to be clear, with respect to both the ground water quality discussion and having him talking about ground water recharge, do you initially add to that being something that we do here among this committee rather than in the public forum. Allan said as far as you giving a talk, if you give it here, it goes out over the internet so that's kind of like public, he guesses; and any discussions we have here he guess go out on the internet too. As far as the Penn State thing goes, road side dumps are important. He doesn't know who we could get to talk about that and somebody put in here Penn State Extension. Kathy said they have a speaker series or there's somebody that talks about that if you go on their website. Allan said oh, okay. Dru said we should look into that. That's quite doable.

Dru said Cheyenne, what are some things you are most interested in? Cheyenne said she would be most interested in working on the social media stuff just to kind of bring light to some of the efforts that are being done. She's also a geek, so she'd be interested in reviewing the by-laws and taking over that to make sure the mission is aligned to what's in there. Also, the collaboration with other EAC's and municipalities as she thinks there's a stronger point when people work together. Those are the top three she is most interested in and the others, the hikes, and painting fire hydrants, and stuff is kind of in her typical wheelhouse. Dru said yes, so in each case, we're sort of agreeing that we are willing to step up to do some of these things. You basically just did. He had an inkling Allan was going to talk about the ground water presentation and so forth, so he's all in for that.

Russ said he's into the ground water as well and also runoff from deforestation as we got an issue up where he lives. They deforested about 100 acres and there is runoff from that. He also contacted the State about it but it's a long procedure. He's interested in turning trash into art. He saw yesterday someone made a brake and used it along the ocean where the sand is and collected all the rubble and actually melted it down and formed trash cans out of it. It was pretty interesting. He made a mold. It was all, and he did it all by himself. He was impressed with it. He recycled all this metal and made a circular trash can and put a spike in it so people would have a trash cans and he thought that was very interesting. Also, he's interested in organizing a hike. A hike, for example, he's part of Residents Responsible Development. The 20th they are having a hike on the D&L Trail at 10:00 a.m. next Saturday and it's a three-mile hike and it starts at the bed and breakfast there and it goes down the D&L. They have one of the people from the D&L actually giving a presentation about that whole area and also the Redington area. There's a lot historical stuff, so he just wanted to let them be aware of it as it's happening next Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Dru said you also said about leading another hike. Russ said yes. Dru said okay.

Jennifer said her focus is she wants to review the by-laws and she brought some stuff as she's already been doing the research on that as well as re-evaluate the open space and those are really key. Then back to a lot of people indicated the recycle, better use of that. So, those are really her three. Dru said we have an open space on our agenda. Jennifer said we have to look at the procedures just to re-evaluate and focus. Dru said is there thought directed at how we want to prioritize these things. Some of it comes

down we've identified what some of us want to bring forward or sort of take a lead on. So, the natural way of doing it is to have everyone just think for a little bit are they ready to go. He suspects social media would be something that you would be able to get started on. Cheyenne said we can roll that out quickly. Dru said so we can consider that to be a high priority and something she can start on immediately. He can speak for himself and say with respect to both, let's just lump it together under hydrology, to talk about both ground water recharge as well as surface water runoff issues and soil erosion is associated with the runoff. He can do that definitely at the June meeting. So, if we want to think of that as sort of a June priority, he thinks it's still high priority. He just doesn't want to commit to something and he's still in the meat grinder for another month and then by June, he definitely could have something together. Not only to just talk about around the table, but he'll put some slides together and so forth and illustrate it and hopefully June won't be too late for things that are going on around us. He thinks we'll be okay. So, he's hoping Carol, that they can communicate based on the minutes that he's taking to try to put dates and priorities on the list as we discussed them. Did you catch all that? So, not to stifle your ideas Laura, he just wants to get a few of these things, it seems obvious that we can move on. Kathy in the same sense, he would think she has already started to look into the legislative things. Kathy said her role would be to bring the information she finds back to this committee. Dru said okay. Likewise, Chad, with respect to the art of recycling and trashed art and so forth, when, he would say we can keep that as part of a discussion of when he would want to bring something forward. How we might try to establish a plan to try to do some of this. He doesn't know if we can incorporate, you had expressed interest as well whether we could incorporate students in and do something. It would take some organizing. So, he thinks unless you want to jump up, if you think about it and perhaps with the mindset at the next meeting, we can talk about ideas to do something formal. Then Laura, he'd like to give her an opportunity to discuss some items that she would like to see us move forward on.

Laura said sure. We had already talked last year. It was like our number one thing we came up with was to rewrite our by-laws so we definitely have to do that. It's not like a giant project and something we can work on, via email. So, we don't have to sit and talk about it a lot but once we have something drafted up, we can bring it in and see where we are, but we definitely want to look at that. Dru said Jennifer expressed an interest, you expressed an interest, and Cheyenne is interested as well, doesn't make sense then for the three of you to be a sub-committee to work on this, so is that something you would want to do? So, then he would basically say you can take the reins and start that process by communicating among the three of yourselves and finding common times and he thinks you've already been thinking about and already have some information. So, he sees no reason why we shouldn't just have the three of you proceed on that. Laura said and the open space committee obviously and we did get that on here. She knows we talked about that a couple of months ago with Mark to move forward on getting that reorganized. The native plants, she knows Parks and Recs is working on a native plant idea for the project for our parks so she'd like to tie in with them at some point. She doesn't know when we can do that but she can see doing something with native plants and tie in with Parks and Recs in promoting that for everybody in our Township. So, those are probably the highest things.

Dru said what he would suggest we do is he works in the next week with Carol to then list what we sort of discussed and with some general plan for starting date and who is involved, who is taking the lead. He'll let the three of you decide if one of you wants to sort of chair the sub-committee or take a lead sort of speak, a formal lead and then he suggests we circulate this document, via email, amongst EAC members and say here's what Carol took notes on from the stenography as it was recording and what he has notes on and then just circulate it as a working document between now and certainly in the next meeting so that we can at the next meeting formulize and say yes, this is what we are going to do and that also gives us an opportunity and members who aren't here, to basically contribute as well with things that are missing that they find to be important. How does that sound? Okay. Laura said definitely we can just keep all our other ideas on a list. Kathy said if she may, she was going to make her number three then, she is going to find information about hosting a large appliance day and hosting a tire deposit day. She thinks every Township needs those but she imagines you are going to have to contract with a company and we are going to have to pay them, she's assuming. They are not cheap, so she's willing to do the ground work of finding the why, what, and where, but then she has...Jennifer said try RSS, check them out. That's who she used to use when she did it. Kathy said RSS. Then she would have to

come back to this committee to tell you how much it's going to cost and it says to invite other Township's. She doesn't know. Jennifer said she reached out to an individual who is on the Bethlehem EAC as well as Springtown and in one of our notes, she thinks the last month, or two months ago, we talked about the tire program that we did at one point with Springtown and so she can reach out to her. So, she will come back.

Chad said he thinks we are all talking about the same categories. Laura said we should bring our own microphones. Chad said like whether if its tires or batteries or it is household waste, all of these fall under the recycling group, right. So, he doesn't want to lose some of these individual items, and the electronics as well. Cheyenne said there's really like six categories here. There are projects, waste, discussion series, water quality, committees and plant sales. Then the...someone said legal...Cheyenne said thank you, so they do fall under categories and that way when you identify who is interested in what, like she said, there's plant sales on here twice. You can easily roll through here and say this is sales, this is waste management...Chad said so this is a spreadsheet we can edit and we are going to put in...Dru said he thinks what we can do, himself working with Carol, make the first cut of grouping them and put some things together and make it sort of this is a blank copy with ideas into a draft copy of who is interested in working on some of these things. The next agenda item says set committees and project dates. That would be challenging to do just based on this conversation and everybody saying and raising their hand. So, he thinks probably the most efficient way of doing it is for himself working with Carol to combine things and he has a list of who expressed interest in various things and maybe some possible starting dates with the exception of looking at by-laws as something you can start on right away and of course, social media. So Cheyenne, you're the one that's be getting out of the box here with heavy lifting right away, so and hopefully what we'll do is be diligent with this document over the next week or two so that we could, you can have feedback and say I think you have this wrong or we are missing something and then try to, by our next meeting, have everything lined up along these lines as far as who is interested, what we are doing, what the priorities are, and that's where we will make, it'll be easier to make adjustments to priorities and start dates and so forth once we have this boiled down into a list that is lumping natural groupings together.

Jennifer said she asked this question before but is there a way to have a shared edible spreadsheet in the cloud. You all have...Carol said we can't do that with everybody so it can only be one person. Jennifer said okay, even view? Carol said we could view it but only one person could edit. Jennifer said why can't we put it in a spreadsheet. Dru said can we do this on a google docs? Jennifer said that's what she asked the last time and then...Carol said it's our security breach as we were hacked a couple of years ago so there are things...Dru said if he did a google doc, and shared with each of you, via our emails, and made it shareable then we would be able to edit it and we wouldn't need the Township. We wouldn't have to worry about the Township getting, anyone getting into a private server. Okay, that's the way he'll do it. He'll try to organize this in the first place based on our conversation and then just share a google doc with everybody. Chad said if you need help, let him know. Dru said okay, wonderful. Chad said probably should be able to copy and paste this. Dru said exactly. Chad said it gives us better accessibility to communicate. Dru said yes. Jennifer said and with Cheyenne's point with having the categories, you can, you won't get rid of any ideas. It may not just have a priority visual. It could be something that can be revisited. Dru said given that everyone spoke to one of these issues in the previous meetings, we want to eliminate anything, just move things down the list and then that's another opportunity to discuss and reorganize things that way.

Chad said his problem is he wants to add more stuff to it. We didn't get to talk since we had that online conference session and all the ideas and he doesn't know if he's allowed to but there was issues there about light pollution which is not represented on here at all and we have all of these lovely warehouses coming up with lights on all sides. Then homesteading subsidies for home farming and to be able to, that would be good information for this community as well for people to apply for state benefits. So those are two issues that weren't loaded on here that maybe we can add something down the road but personally we need to get a calendar together of these community events. All of these different recycling things, we can do one a month or one a quarter. Dru said with respect to that visual conference, we have that down here under updates, reports, EAC network visual conference notes so that's why he thinks we

can talk about it and give a report back because he knows he didn't participate but we'll get to that further down the line, alright.

B. SET COMMITTEES AND PROJECT DATES

Talked about above and below.

C. DESIGNATE ADOPT-A-ROAD CONTACT AND SET SPRING (MARCH 29TH THROUGH JUNE 24TH) AND FALL (AUGUST 23RD THROUGH NOVEMBER 18) DATES

Dru said so with that, it will bring us to Item C. under New Business, the adopt-a-road contact and try to set spring and fall dates if we can. Given that the committee has basically changed membership, we almost have to re-establish who is going to take the lead on the adopt-a-road. Kathy said of course she has to make it difficult, she had people reach out to her personally. She doesn't know how they got her email, but they are from Whiting Turner which is the Lehigh Valley, where the Bethlehem Steel used to be, Lehigh Valley Industrial Park. So, they asked her if they could help do a cleanup in either Hellertown or Bethlehem and they have 25 people that are willing to help but she didn't know what to say. She didn't know how to respond back to them. So, she hasn't responded back to them yet. Dru said right. He doesn't know how to respond back either. One of the interesting things is trying to wrap our arms around what we can do given that we're not Township, although we are volunteers. In other words, what they were requesting was an opportunity to do a cleanup somewhere. Kathy said correct. They wanted to join with us. They gave her dates. April 18th, 19th and the 22nd which happen to be weeknights. So, she didn't do anything. She said thank you so very much, she'll get back to them. She didn't know what to say. She doesn't know how they got her, but they got her. Cheyenne said her road wasn't on it, but she selected a different road and Roger made her take...Carol said she asked Roger that somebody approached me for a road a couple months ago and he said we didn't have any roads available. The group was mentioned Easton Road. Carol said Easton Road is a state road. Laura said only a little piece. Allan said that's Bethlehem so why don't they do Easton Road through Bethlehem. Why don't they go through Bethlehem. Kathy said they asked. That's how she sort of took it. This group is not the same people who are in, this is Lehigh Valley Industrial Park, she forgets now, 3 or 2 or something and ours is like 4 or 5, but they are sisters sort of speak so. Dru said the simple thing to say is why don't you contact, does Bethlehem have an EAC, does anyone know? Laura said they do. Dru said contact Bethlehem EAC and focus on Easton Road. It's not in our Township and our purview to do that but...Laura said half the side is our side. Chad so what needs to happen for us to be able to designate another section of road anywhere in the Township? Kathy said it has to be Township or State and then we have the Township roads.

Cheyenne said she has a question, at what point do we draw the lines between like EAC wanting to make a recommendation to Council to re-evaluate to what the roads are, can that happen? She doesn't know. Dru said that's an interesting question, so what you are suggesting Carol is that all of the roads in the Township have people designated as cleanup volunteers. Carol said all the roads that are in the agreement have somebody that handles taking care of the road cleanup. When she talked to Roger a few months ago about adding additional roads as we have more roads than what we have listed, he said that we couldn't do that. So, for whatever reason she doesn't remember but if it's liability where they are at, she doesn't know the reason. Cheyenne said why don't we go back and ask what the hold back would be and also for a list of what the roads are that are currently...she knows that when she was cleaning up Lower Saucon Road, a neighbor on Crestline told her there was garbage up there. She said it's not her road at the end of the day, but if there's others that we can add...Carol said the liaison can take that to Council. Chad said can we get a list like you're asking. Laura said the list is actually out there somewhere. She knows she's seen it of what our adopt-a-roads are. Jennifer said, they're all taken but are they being managed? If not, she knows Flint Hill is one, not Flint Hill, what's the...Waldheim, and that's never cleaned up. It's not easy but can we get a tally and say okay they are adopted, but they are not picking up. Carol said we have a list of people. There is one particular group that has not gone out yet, and has not responded as of yet, so as far as everybody else, she has all the other groups with the exception of maybe two that are listed. Dru said what he would suggest is their request to her, the list that is presumably out there somewhere. You have a list then, and if she could share that, but what he's suggesting then as well again, this is something we can add to our to do list and look at that list and

see who the volunteers are and try to, he guesses in her records, she would have a record of when anybody cleaned their roads because they had to sign up to get the materials. So, if you could also look at your records to see which of these sections of road have indeed been cleaned up in the last two years. That should be four cleanings, of spring and fall. Carol can tell you off the top of her head there was one road that was not cleaned. One group that did not go out and she's a pest. Dru said he thinks that is something we could put on our schedule to accomplish to get a better grip on this to see which roads are not part of the scheduled cleanup and then, he didn't realize this until she is saying the complication is that Easton Road is one side of the road Lower Saucon's and then Bethlehem's towards the warehouses. Kathy said that's a state road. Allan said east branch of the Saucon Creek and...Laura said the State doesn't clean it up. Dru said okay. Chad said he would like to know how we could add sections of the roadways as well. If we have a community here that wants to be a part, we don't have a designation on something.

Dru said the starting point would be to see what roads we do have and then by default we would know which roads are not. Then he thinks it's something we could recommend to Council to get an understanding of how these designations occurred in the first place and how easy or difficult or what steps we need to take in order to add roads to the road cleanup. Chad said is this just limited to roadways? What about waterways? Dru said he doesn't know of anybody who does that. In other words, adopt-a-creek, he means he can tell you informally at Lafayette College they do Earth Week cleanups on the Bushkill Creek but it's not part of any formal program other than just a few people getting together organizing, getting the volunteers in groups, making sure plant operations is going to pick up the material that gets collected. That's where it gets to be challenging to do something like waterways. He's sure the Township has never done that and that would be another conversation. Chad said the City of Allentown has some sections, there were some canals or areas along the Lehigh River that were cleaned up, so that's another option, it doesn't have to be roadways. Dru said he thinks we'll lump that all together then with the road and creek cleanup. Cheyenne said she just pulled the list from the website and she replied to Carol's email that had 12 of us on it. So, everybody has it just for emergencies. Dru said okay.

Laura said so along the same line. It just joggled her memory so Parks and Rec last night they talked about they would like to maybe discuss doing adopt-a-trail section type of thing. It's not necessarily litter although she guesses there is some litter but more for brush and debris removal especially after the storms to kind of push it aside and clear the trail. So, that was something they asked her to discuss here. Chad said who was that? Laura said Parks and Rec. The Rail Trail is kind of in between. Allan said in Hellertown? Laura said in Lower Saucon, the Lower Saucon Rail Trail. We would be setting something up for our Township. Kathy said there is a Rail Trail Committee. Laura said yes there is but they don't have anything like that to maybe you can do an adopt-a-trail section. Dru said one way to move forward and again, is put this list together what we have people has already occurred here and now indicate they want to take the lead or step up, we'll have a column for people to fill in the blank if anybody wants to take a lead and organize a sub group to focus on that. He thinks that's one way to move forward because we will have a big list. He will do his best to make the first cut on organizing on the spreadsheet and share it and then we can add and discuss. Russ said he knew that Saucon High School did part of the creek, it was many years ago, and he doesn't know if they still clean it. Dru said usually he thinks when the school does stuff of that sort, they made the arrangements maybe through their custodial force or something because it's one thing to collect material but to bring it together somewhere then it has to be disposed of. Creeks are seen to be worse than roads in terms of the size of its junk, you know, a lot of times it's big pieces of metal and so forth that comes out, certainly tires. So, okay, he'll try to get that together and in the meanwhile one of the things that's a little more pressing too is for us to set the spring and fall road cleanup dates and it's usually his experience on this committee, he's cleaned up our road section twice. Usually, he has conflicts on Saturday morning. Does anybody want to sort of step forward and do the material pickup and organize? Chad said can do something like that to figure out everybody's availability. Kathy said the problem right now is Reading Road is not available. That road is closed due to piping, and it was suggested they don't do it in April and she doesn't know when it's going to be done. Do you Carol? Carol said by June. Dru said so the road is actually closed, okay. Cheyenne said she has another road so she can coordinate the two and it's easy to throw the stuff in her truck. Did you

coordinate it last time, she doesn't want to step on your toes? Jennifer said no, no, it's fine. Cheyenne said she can work with whoever what everybody's schedule is and she can pick the stuff up and do her road and then they can do that one. Dru said probably the best thing to do is put it on the agenda again next month. See what the status is of Reading Road. He didn't even realize it's closed. Then organize a date from there.

STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE ON COOKS CREEK

Dru said the Steering Committee update on Cooks Creek watershed, he doesn't know what that update is. Can anyone speak to that? Jennifer said Cooks Creek is doing their 50-year anniversary and they asked if we, as an EAC, wanted to participate and everyone agreed. So really, it's a free-event down at Silver Creek Park in Springtown and we'll need to come up with like a table and some literature that we want to do. If necessary, she's with the Saucon Creek Watershed as well and they were going to work with Penn Extension and bring in some of their, they have games that are watershed type related, so they can always piggyback together as she knows we may not have a lot currently. So, what she would do is, microphone, it's vibrating. Dru said what is the date of that again Jennifer? Jennifer said it is July, she doesn't know it off the top of her head but she should, she'll get it to you all, her apologies. July, it's on a Saturday, it's from like 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They have music. They have some lectures going on so it's a pretty nice event and so, she'll get the date. Dru said so once again, maybe we can put that for a follow-up on the May meeting. Jennifer said yes, and maybe we will get a sign-up sheet for people who would like to volunteer even if it's just an hour or two. Obviously, we want to represent the EAC and we can talk about our litter pickups and some of our other projects that we currently do. We can do the open space and start making that known to. Really, we could have a separate table but she just wanted to make sure we weren't getting these ideas generated that would be a good table. We could work with the Saucon Creek. Dru said okay. So, we can ask Carol to put that on the agenda as a follow-up at our May meeting and everyone can think about it. The open space accomplishments would be good to share with people for examples. That's a great idea. Clean-up and you know the recycling events we've already hosted which have been, they've been successful in terms of the interest from the public, that's for sure.

D. BETHLEHEM LANDFILL SPRING AND FALL CLEANUP DATES FOR RESIDENTS (PICK FROM DATES LISTED)

Dru said the Bethlehem Landfill spring and fall clean-up dates, so those are listed in the memo in our file. Jennifer said can she just add something that popped in her head about the trash. She sent you all a link to the litter program. Even if we kind of ask people to bring their trash so you could fill out the letter, you can all look at it when we bring it back up next month. Maybe something that would be kind of meet both the need and the fun. Just a thought, but she sent the link.

Dru said at the landfill, that's an established clean-up as he understands it. Laura said she brought it up at Council one night as they have it in the Host Agreement for this free drop-off spring and fall and never had any dates. She's not sure, she can't find any reference that it ever happened, that was her question. Russ said the weather is the problem because to get access up there, if we have bad weather, we have a problem. Laura said do you have to take your stuff up there. Where do you go once you get in there? Kathy said you have to go up. Laura said and physically throw your bags in or whatever. Is she looking for our involvement? Kathy said and the dates. Laura said just picking the dates or volunteering. Kathy said no. Laura said it will be for people themselves to take it there...Dru said you would pick up a ticket here and show your ID and they are basically going to accept the trash, is that the idea? Laura said the 25th is Memorial weekend which is...Dru said people will be gearing up to get ready for their own Memorial Day weekend plans. Laura said that was a no-brainer on that. Dru said the other challenge is when you try to look ahead to October, it's almost too far out. Laura said we can make that a TBD. Cheyenne said maybe pick a date not coinciding with...October 5th and 12th, she doesn't think there is anything that could really...Laura said October 5th is the first Saturday, maybe it's easy to remember. Dru said June 1st is Saturday as is May 25th. Is there anybody see any reason to distinguish between October 5th or 12th? Laura said let's do the 5th. Dru said then we agree that our recommendation would be June 1st and October 5th. The idea being if there's a weather delay on the 5th, then the 12th would be a back-up he supposes. Laura said if they allow it. Russ said he remembers

washing machines and stuff like that. Carol said there's a list on their website she can make a copy of. Dru said he guesses the Township would have to request a list of what would be acceptable to distribute assuming that didn't change. What was the date on that, Carol? Carol said 4-9-24. Dru said so that was is brand new, okay. So, once they would set a date would be for the Township to publicize this on the website and okay. Cheyenne said she's writing it down now so we can put open list or a rolling list of what to put where. Kathy said it does say in her that BSC will accept waste that will be lawfully be disposed of in the landfill, so she thinks that means trash. Dru said okay, we'll get that on the list and if you have the essential social media up and running that we could basically publicize there.

E. **DISCUSSION ON OPEN SPACE SUB COMMITTEE**

Dru said next on the agenda is the Open Space Sub Committee. Laura can you bring us up-to-date on what Council's discussions have been with respect to that. As he understands it, the idea was we were hoping to get the Open Space program back within the EAC.

Laura said Council really hasn't discussed it but that was the idea that we talked about before with the Manager because the committee never got rebuilt or started otherwise outside of EAC. So, we'd like to have the committee back so who, we need to figure out if we have interest. Who wants to be on it? Who is trained? Who needs to be trained? How we can do that?

Dru said what do the rest of the members think about this. He thinks that, he thought that the EAC managed the Open Space program pretty well. He for one would like to see this fall back under the EAC and we reconstitute an Open Space Sub Committee that we could then, as we have always have done, solicit volunteers from the Township residents who would like to have their properties evaluated for incorporation in the Open Space program and we have a set group of, in the past, we always had at least 4 members because it required 3 members to visit a site and score it. That worked out fine. The other thing he would suggest we do if we want to take control of that again and if we made a recommendation to Council and Council agreed to that, that we have at least 4 people on the committee and make a point that associate members in the past, associate members of the EAC, were able to serve on the Open Space Committee. So that made it easier to have at least 4 people who were interested and we were always pretty effective without going through flaming hoops to at least get 3 people together at a time that was convenient with the landowners. When he first came on board, EAC Ted Beardsley was Chair of the Open Space Committee and then when he stepped down from that Dru was elected to Chair the EAC or appointed. He forgot exactly how we did that. He would reach out to the landowners and find mutual dates that they were available and then try to pull at least 3 of us together. It was easy to do that. He personally would like to see the EAC just simply go back to the way it was, maybe with adjustments for improvements but he thinks we had a proven track record. If there were complaints going on, he never heard them. Laura said no, there's weren't. Jennifer said she moves that we have the EAC re-establish the Open Space and have it presented to Council. Laura said do we want to put together our names of who wants to be on the Sub Committee. Dru said he's relying on Laura because she can get a sense of what Council would be receptive to hearing. He doesn't know if Council will say you are jumping the gun with giving us names but he would think the way we did it in the past, people stepped forward. People had an interest. He maintained an interest and further he would continue to do on that committee what he did in the first place was because of his professional expertise he always pulled together the information on the geology, the soils, hydrology, steep slopes, etc., etc., also with the help of the Zoning Officer would always share the plot from the GIS system in the Township and the maps of the Township and he would always consult his state resources as well. Then share that information with the Committee. He would be more than happy to be on that committee. He'll be so presumptuous to say he would be happy to chair that committee. He doesn't know who else would like to participate with respect to any training. He's happy to do that. Okay, and he thinks it's a good idea that this is one of those examples the more the merrier. He doesn't think we should limit it to 4 people because then it makes it easier to get 3 of us together. Once everybody has, he could also generate a small sort of training session and talk about what we've done, how we've evaluated things in the past. So he would be happy to make a motion that we resume an Open Space Sub Committee of the EAC and that we would recommend the following membership and the further one last thing he would add to that motion is that we would start out with the most recent scoring sheet that the Open Space Committee

used because we did adjust it with help from the people in the nature of conservancy to better, to score individual items in a way that was somewhat commensurate with their relative environmental importance. We had some items that were scoring a one point that probably demand a higher point total so he would want to adopt that the most recent scoring sheet. So, Russ expressed an interest. Cheyenne expressed interest. Jen expressed an interest. Kathy expressed an interest. So, he would move that we forward that to Council.

MOTION BY: Dru moved to recommend to Council that the EAC resume an Open Space Committee and that the EAC would recommend the following membership and that the EAC would start out with the most recent scoring sheet that the Open Space Committee used because the EAC did adjust it, with help from the people in the nature of conservancy to better score individual items in a way that was somewhat commensurate with their relative environmental importance. We had some items that were scoring a one point that probably demanded a higher point total so he would want to adopt that the most recent scoring sheet. Dru would chair the committee and Russ, Cheyenne, Jen, and Kathy expressed an interest in also being members on this Committee.

SECOND BY: Laura

Dru asked if there was further discussion. He also said he thinks it would be okay. We will cross that bridge when we come to it, but he sees no reason why, for example, Janine, he would imagine be interested as well, so we could add membership, he's sure as we move forward. Personally, he would just say it's great to see so many people interested because although we made it work before, it will be that much easier to do it with more members. So, we can bring it to a vote if there's no further discussion.

ROLL CALL: 5-0 (Ann Spirk and Tom Carocci – Absent)

Jennifer said just one question, how is the list generated that went out to residents that had potential land that could be considered because there's a property near her off of Flint Hill that's farmland and the farm individual wants to sub part of that. It would be a good candidate to maybe find out if they were approached, could be approached not to sell the land, she doesn't know. Dru said in the past, we basically would have the Zoning Officer look at the GIS and see where there were large tracts of land to begin with or potential tracts contiguous to already land that was already preserved. That was one of our scoring criteria with the idea that if we can get adjacent properties and build more contiguous tracts of open space, that's better for all the benefits of an open space preservation. Then in addition to that, people would come forward with recommendations from friends, or knowledge of, as you are doing, a tract nearby and then we discussed reaching out to those individuals. So, he would say in his memory, the majority of these open space proposals came from individuals but we also used to routinely solicit by sending a flyer out, an informational flyer to residents of the Township and in particular, people with relatively large tracts of land. So, again, the word of mouth is always helpful and the ability of people to talk to property owners that they know because something coming from the Township at certain times people just simply recoil and think somehow there's something nefarious whereas when one of us would know a landowner and would talk to them, as always, right away, they are hearing from a friend or someone that they don't have to worry that has some ulterior motive, but that's generally the way we operated in the past. The other thing that he, the feel he's getting in the room is great because there's new people on this committee and already it's, the enthusiasm and ideas are comparable and so he thinks we should approach this with open minds so that we can have conversations about open space as a future agenda item to discuss how we think it best to reach out and in essence, advertise the program.

Allan said he had a question for Laura. How much money is left in the open space fund? Laura said there's pretty much, she doesn't have the exact number. Allan said make sure we have enough money to pay the people. Laura said there's like \$9 million or \$10 million or so. There's a pretty good amount in there because we earned some nice interest in the past. Dru said if we are constituted as an open space commission or committee, subcommittee, he thinks it would be appropriate early on to discuss our operating procedures and bring things to the attention of Council that we think is appropriate because we have to start by reading the original open space, he doesn't know what the appropriate word is. Charter is not the right word, but when this was pitched to Township residents of something to put on

the docket for a vote, it was presented with boundaries and guidelines. So, we would have to start with that, not while the open space committee should have a pickup truck available to use. He's being factitious with that but he means there are boundaries that were established at the outset so they would have to re-familiarize ourselves with that and be respectful of that. Then if it made sense to consider, you know, changing something to use some of those funds in the interest of serving the open space program as constituted, he thinks that would be a good idea to discuss that. For example, just real quick. At the park at Polk Valley, residents have come forward and said it would be great to have informational educational signage along the trail, not being an open space acquisition. Same thing with Yerger Park that it might make sense to try to enhance those types of open space properties and so he thinks those would be good ideas for future discussion.

Allan said one other thing that you didn't mention yet was that the open space program is a program established by the State of PA, so there's a whole bunch of rules and regulations that are regulated. He thinks we ran into one problem there and he forgets what it was. Our program that we had, we were able to fall within all the rules and regulations. He knows what it was. They changed the rules so that money could be spent from the open space fund to maintain the open space properties so they wanted to use money there to maintain parks. He doesn't know if they ever did that. Laura said they have, yes. Dru said you said we have done that in Lower Saucon? Laura said yes. Dru said that would be something for him to dig into a little bit more and become more familiar with that because to be candid, he hasn't followed the Council meetings over the last year to know what, all he knows is, we were in essence disbanded, and what happened in the interim, he doesn't know. He doesn't have that knowledge. Probably part of his homework should be to look into that.

Cheyenne said Dru she has a question. Do you think if you were going back to the original guidelines were, and email those of us that expressed interest instead of all of us doing the same research? Dru said right, right. No, no. Cheyenne said so we aren't all scrambling. Dru said then we are wasting time doing the same thing, looking into the same thing so. Cheyenne said then we're not wasting time, double duty. Dru said yes. Okay, so that motion will be taken to Council, to reconstitute open space as part of the EAC, not the opposite.

G. DISCUSSION OF THE CODE FOR JUNKYARDS AND JUNK DEALERS

Dru said this agenda items comes from one of the members of our committee that suggested that we do some ground work to look at the code for junkyards and junk dealers and he asked Carol to include it with our materials so that we can become familiar with this to discuss this issue. It is kind of interesting to me just as a bid of background that we did bring this up a couple of years ago and at that point, no one brought forward the information that there was a code. So, as he recalls, we sort of ended a meeting with a perception that everything was copacetic and we couldn't do anything about any problem junkyards or junk dealers. So, he thinks it's great that this comes before us again for us to discuss and again, Laura, any direct knowledge you have as a Council members could be helpful in helping them understand what's possible and how this should be evaluated, mongered. He means some of the language in here he found interesting that sort of said in here that any Council member can go evaluate the operation of junkyard and junk dealers to make sure they are in compliance with the code. So, that's a complete different set of circumstances that we've been led to believe.

Laura said this is probably cut and paste from somewhere and they probably just adopted it. It's been living this way for who knows how long. So, she doesn't think anybody from Council is inspecting junkyards, personally.

Chad said this is from 1964. Allan said 1964. Laura said some of the things...Kathy said it's in our current administrated by laws.

Chad said unfortunately he has to step out. He has to get his son to soccer practice. Just in looking at this, maybe the violations and penalties of \$600.00 to be considered as something to update. Dru said if this was first adopted in 5-12-1964, this has been clearly collecting dust somewhere. Laura said that part got amended in 2021, but not knowing what part exactly changed. Chad said that is the only thing

that has been updated. Collecting fines is the only thing on there, nothing about micro plastics, other chemicals. Kathy said if she may, to your point, this topic was brought up to her at a Council meeting. She goes to Council meetings. This was brought up to her at a Council meeting as there are people that are concerned. We do have a junkyard in LST managed by Swint is what this all started with. There are some people in the audience that would like to talk, but the concern that was brought to her was it's not zoned for what it is. We are not a zoning committee, she gets that, but the concern as was there's environmental issues with where it's all mostly like metal, it's not plastics. She thinks he's waiting to take it into get money for metal recycling, that kind of thing. Anyway, where it is, it's not zoned that way and it was addressed, it looks like it was addressed and then COVID came is what happened. The reason why she got involved is because she's on the EAC and the concern is the oils and all that stuff that goes down from where they are, goes into one of the residents' ponds and it's an issue. The whole thing is addressed to re-address the zoning concerns for Swint that was in 2017 and 2018 and then it looks like it just stopped

Dru said he would say what he thinks about this, he came in right at the last-minute part because he wanted to swing by there and see if his memory was correct and some things here that are almost self-evident here like boundaries and so forth. If you drive Applebutter Road, you have to pay very close attention if you are driving up the hill because if you simply stay within the lines, there's more than a 50% chance that you are going to clip a parked vehicle there. So, the fence line in places is shorter than a standard F-150 or GMC 250 pick-up truck. So, the setback boundaries, for example, as outlined here, no way...Kathy said the person that gave her all this information is from what she understands, and this goes way back, is that they were originally granted to park their trucks there. That's what that was supposed to be, way back. Then it looks like through the years there's just been constant issues.

Dru said with respect to our role, or whether this is appropriate for us to consider at all, this is an environmental issue because if you look at the materials there, there are undoubtedly petro chemical bearing materials. Your average lawnmower, there's refrigerators with fluids in them and air conditioners and a lot of unimaginable things because the fence is an open chain link fence but when you look in there, if you drive by, there's plenty of opportunities for hazardous fluids to be released and he couldn't tell if there was any appropriate handling platform. All he ever sees is soil in there, so normally when you process things like that, they are done on concrete and so forth so that you're not, you're rupturing an engine or a motor or a refrigerator and the fluids aren't just released directly into the soil. So he thinks there's plenty of opportunity for environmental degradation that justifies our conversation about this. You don't see anything like even a normal silt siltation fence that you would see around a construction or a development site. There doesn't appear to be so he supposes one way to consider this is we agree this is a problem. The question will become, he thinks, how to move forward whether it's through the Zoning Officer. What are our thoughts here and we'll have to wait to hear from public comment for a few moments until we also discuss the developer item that's before us. He asked if anyone wished to discuss this further at the moment or wait until we hear public comment.

Kathy said she thinks we should hear public comment first so we get a better understanding. S Some people don't know, they don't know. Dru said he means public comment before we further discuss it. He doesn't know we can skip an agenda item. Can we do that Carol, does she know. Can we move ahead on the agenda to public comment and come back? Carol said she didn't know. Laura said if the public's here for this topic, we could do that. Dru said he'd prefer to do that because everybody's time is precious and he doesn't see any benefit to having members of the public wait for us to go through anything further before they could speak, so he suggests that what we do. So, if any members of the public want to speak to this issue, come up to the microphone and we're happy to listen to you. Chad said with that, he has to head out.

Chad Heimbecker left the meeting at 7:45 p.m. EAC thanked Chad for his help.

Kathy said you have to say your name for the record. Tim Steely said he lives at...Carol said can you bring the microphone a little closer. Tim Steely said how's that? Laura said she doesn't think it's on.

The switch is in the back. Kathy said this goes on all the time. Laura said we need better microphones. Kathy said you just have to shake it a little bit, tap it. Laura said it could be the battery.

Tim Steely said he lives on Applebutter Road. The thing with Swint is he has so many violations already against him. He doesn't understand why the Township can't do more about it. He means, he's not zoned for what he's doing. He never was zoned for what he's doing. It's a RA district and he means, he's operating basically a landfill, a scrap yard, and salvage yard. He also keeps expanding. A lot of his, you talked about water runoff, and things like that, it's all going down into the pond. He lives across the street from him (wasn't audible – Mr. Steely faded from here on until he was finished speaking and then right through to resident Gregory, got bits and pieces). The people who live up from the street, Severn, he went to the upper part to park cars on his property so Swint wouldn't keep spilling over onto his property. He's been notified by the pipeline many times as the pipeline runs through the property. He's not supposed to put fill on the pipeline or parked cars and trucks and he always keeps adding triple to the pipeline, parking there, even though he's told many times not to. Kathy mentioned about the original variance, his father got that variance. Kathy said she saw it, in 1994 for his trucks. Tim said right, for his trucks and that's all it was supposed to be for and he never got any other variances after that and it is just...Kathy said he has, she's sorry Tim, he has several Cease-and-Desist orders here through our Township but they stop in 2018. Tim said they never really issued a Cease-and-Desist order, which he couldn't understand why. Kathy said it's outlined in here of all the violations. Tim said there again, there's just no enforcement from the Township. Kathy said it's our previous Zoning Officer in 2017 and our previous Township Manager, Leslie Huhn.

Allan said he heard there used to be a car junkyard there. Kathy said it still is. Allan said he means it used to be there a long time ago, so based on that being there...Tim said that was up further, just a little bit, that was Severn. Dru said most of that was cleaned out. There were just some I-beams there. It's not really, he doesn't know what it is. It's not a commercial operation. There's a house further down with a bunch of automobiles. He thinks that was one individual was planning to refurbish automobiles, he doesn't know what, but that's different than this. This is a commercial operation. Tim said correct, he runs his business there. He brings garbage trucks back, parks them there overnight that are loaded. You're not allowed to do that. Again, the enforcement isn't there. Kathy said and he's zoned Rural Agriculture. That area is still RA.

Dru said so this was sort of an expansion under the radar, kind of thing. Tim said there you go. Allan said that was the variance to park garbage trucks there. Kathy said in 1994. Allan said not garbage trucks. Cheyenne said is that an easement or a variance? Kathy said a variance. Cheyenne asked a question but didn't speak into the microphone. Kathy said she'd have to go back through all the notes again but she's sure it's in here somewhere. Tim said there was an original variance, he thinks it was 96. Kathy said 94 or 96 somewhere she saw it. Tim said he guesses that would be his father.

Kathy said on November 18, 1996, a zoning hearing was held in LST regarding a variance application filed by Mr. Herman Swint. It was voted unanimously to grant Mr. Swint a variance from Section blah, blah, blah, to permit him to park commercial motor vehicles in an RA district. Tim said is there a number? Kathy said there is, 1608.03.B.9. He was going to store approximately 8 vehicles overnight behind a 6' fence that he was going to install. He would store, and it goes on and on, he would store some recyclables on his property using 8-yard containers. No waste would be stored on the property or in the trucks. The fence would be installed 80' from the road. Two 40' long trailers would be located on the property for the storage of certain items. That was it. Laura said they don't do any of that stuff. Tim said do they mention about parked cars that you really could see it when he comes back with trucks, he parks on the road all the time. They are there on the shoulder all the time. Tim was speaking, could not hear him as the microphone faded.

Dru said has the Township been recording these violations? Kathy said it looks like they have. Dru said lately or all in the...Kathy said January 3, 2018, December 12, 2017, January 26, 2018, it looks like everything stopped. Tim said it really did. He made calls in between there. He's called several times.

Kathy said do you know why it stopped? Tim said because no one followed through on it. It's like they were afraid of him or something. Kathy said we got a new Zoning Officer somewhere in there and after Leslie, she wonders if there was a transition and it didn't get passed along. Tim said he thinks she's right. Laura said Chris Garges was on before.

Kathy said Chris left, Leslie left, then there was probably an interim in there she's thinking and then COVID came and she's going to bet you...Tim said even one of those cases with Swint had to get a lawyer...Kathy said she saw. Tim said and he was dealing with Swint. Kathy said Linc Treadwell, he's also gone. She wonders if that lawyer, Kathleen, she just read it. What's her name? Cheyenne answered, but could not hear the last name. Kathy said if she's still around practicing, who knows, right.

Laura said do we have anyone else who wants to talk on it. Kathy said she thinks he should come up and tell us about his pond.

Gregory Boardman said he lives at Applebutter Road. He said, as Tim mentioned he had a pond and all the area where he has all that water, there's no silt socks or any kind of protection from that. Like Tim said, he just constantly adds on and he bought his property in 2016. Since then, he's worked on the house and just fixed it up a little bit. Water is always an issue getting into the basement, always even with the previous owner. That was kind of the first thing he acted upon all around the property, around the foundation (Kathy was shuffling papers and could not hear). He said that they built a French drain 3 or 4' feet deep in the front to control the water runoff every time they had a rain. It is on the steep hill, where Swint is. It's the steepest part of that whole road, so to hold that silt and sediment, it comes into play for him unfortunately, it's still on the pond. He's had excavators and stuff just trying to keep up with some of the silt and it's constantly an issue so it's just a concern for him to try to control the water. It doesn't come into the house anymore but it does go into the pond nearly every year.

Allan said do you actually see a stream of water during a rainstorm leaving his property. Do you have a video of it? Gregory said he probably does somewhere but he can work on getting you all that. Allan said where does the water from your pond go? Gregory said there's several overflow pipes that go down into the creek behind. Allan said there's a creek behind there? Gregory said yes, there's a creek behind the property. Allan said is it a tributary? Gregory said he doesn't know.

Dru said it's probably going to ultimately drain down into the channel that comes off the landfill by the Ringhoffer intersection would be his guess. Gregory said according to Tim, this is before his time of ownership, O'Dell used to be able to mow the grass all the way around. Kathy said correct and it was beautiful. That's correct. Gregory said and now, you said, it's all swamp. Behind his pond and Swint specifically, you can't walk through there without being in 3 or 4" inches deep in mud. Allan said it might be a good place to take some tests, is there oil in there. Gregory said there's a natural spring right on the edge of the pipeline there that Swint used to use, or not Swint, O'Dell used to use the spigot water before the City of Bethlehem water came through and that would be really nice to have...Allan said if there's a spring there, then you got wetlands. Wetlands aren't caused by his runoff; they are not just natural. Gregory said true, but like he said in the past, O'Dell was able to mow all the way around. Allan said he could be polluting the wetlands. That's probably what he's doing. Kathy said beautiful. Gregory said if you look at the storm water and he can get a video of that, it's basically coming right down directly from that spring, what's coming off the septic where his property abuts against the pipeline. Also, out front on the road, that's really what's equally as bad and has gotten worse through his property.

Allan said does any of the water from the road run onto your property or onto his property? Gregory said it runs through his property and then he'd say a good portion of it comes into the storm basin across the street and then it comes through and falls into a 16" pipe underneath Applebutter directly into his pond. Allan said oh, directly into your pond. Gregory said yes. That is from the north side of Applebutter. That side comes down into that catch basin. Also, on the south side, it also flows over into his bank directly into the pond and...Allan said there's not any kind of curb there. Tim said there's not.

Kathy said do you have a well Tim or do you have City, Bethlehem or Hellertown. Tim said Bethlehem. Allan said so did the garbage truck do that. Gregory said he thinks so, that was a long time ago. Dru said do you have anything else that you want to share with us. Gregory said no.

Kathy said is Bobby here? Dru said so trying to think about the appropriate thing to do is. It seems to him that this is potentially a significant environmental issue and so whether we make a motion to bring this to the attention of the Zoning Officer or Township Council. It would seem to me that this is a Zoning Officer issue. Kathy said and Hanover Engineering.

Laura said we can move that forward. She doesn't know if there is anything we, she didn't get to read through the ordinance, if there's anything in here that we thought we would suggest changing, not that it's easy because you know, changing zoning, anything is a big to do, but if there's something blatantly wrong in here, it might just be more that it's not being enforced.

Dru said for example in Section 103-8 storage, property, maintenance, hours, Item A, all junk should be behind the fence, as best why the subject should be below which fence shall be set back at least 50' from all lot lines of the premises occupied by the junkyard. That fence is 12' to 20' back, at best, from the very edge of the road. So, property lines are usually on a little bit of a setback from the roadway to begin with, and so, for example, it's hard for him to imagine that that is being enforced. Here's on D., it says all junk shall be stored and setback at least 50' from any adjoining premises at least 75' from the nearest edge of the cartway of any public road or highway. So, that would be an obvious thing for a Zoning Officer to evaluate. So, if we felt that we should recommend specific items to consider, that one's rather obvious, which would be 103-8, Sub Item A and D. Laura said and G might be a good one to check on, the fuels. Dru said then Item F, with respect to firefighting equipment having access, that would be another item that he thinks would be worth consideration.

Kathy said she has a question. She found the junk and junkyards in our by-laws or whatever they are called. Did she think the fundamental question is that it's zoned RA, she thinks that's more like...Dru said he gets what she's saying...Cheyenne said you can have a special exception or a few variances, there's a different ways around that. Kathy said so the variance is not being monitored.

Cheyenne said she has a couple questions. Not that she read through what they are doing actually, but hopefully this was an ordinance that was from 1964, now when you said it's in a junkyard for a long time...Allan said you said it wasn't his property. Kathy said it was adjacent, it's adjacent. That was Severn Auto at the time. Cheyenne said okay, she doesn't know, but sometimes you run into an issue where things predate zoning and so if the use was in place, and she would be a little concerned how that reads. You almost have to adhere to what that says, so if they gave him a variance but you can hold him to what's in that variance. Kathy said that's what she meant. Cheyenne said but attaching to just the zoning part of it, it's always kind of slippery slope, do you know what she means. Kathy said but you can enforce the rules of the variance. Cheyenne said correct, yes, yes.

Allan said he has a nerdy question here or some information to put into the conversation. Years ago on people's property, it went to the middle of road, and it's only since the Township started to get subdivisions and re-surveying and all that stuff that they required that your property was back so many feet from the middle of the road, and now that's what you own and now the Township owns the rest of it. He wonders if he's using that to say well, I can park my trucks here because it's my property, but there might be a road law that says you can't park on the road. A different law for trucks that he was saying about the owner's property going to the middle of the road.

Jennifer said she thinks the variance stated you had to be 8'. Kathy said correct. Cheyenne said so it's according to the variance, meaning to enforce our code. Jennifer said we need to enforce our codes, this is a repeated issue. Dru said one of the key questions is, is the land use practiced here permitted in the first place. Jennifer said maybe send it over to zoning and let them come back to us and then see the next move. She thinks all we can say is give advice.

Russ said there's also a storage tank there. It says all gasoline and oil removed within 12 hours from arrival on said premise. Dru said so a question for us what do we think is the appropriate action of the EAC. Does someone want to make a motion to determine if this land use is permitted at that location in the first place, and if so, to follow through whether the activities there are in compliance with the code.

Kathy said she'll make that motion, whatever he just said. Laura said she thinks we can put it forward to have Council direct the Zoning Officer to go dig into this whole can of worms here and see really, well whoever the appropriate people are, if it's the engineer, or with the Zoning Officer. They might have to look at some of the documents that were drawn up and all, so there's a bunch of research to do.

Dru said so a motion to direct this to Township Council to request the Zoning Officer and/or Township engineers evaluate whether this commercial activity is permitted at this location and are they following the regulations in Chapter 103 if they are permitted.

Cheyenne said the engineering part of it environmentally, would be secondary to that, so you would assume if it comes back that it's not, then you would say okay, hey, you know what she means.

Allan said whose job is it to determine whether or not there's violations of this thing – the Zoning Officer? Dru said that's what he thought. Kathy said her concern is for the residents that you just get the Zoning Officer involved. It's pretty clear that it's not zoned for what it's being used for. That's why she thinks it's important to also have the Township Engineer, Hanover Engineering, to see the runoff and the silt and the dirt and those kinds of things. Dru said right. Kathy said there's more than one issue, correct. Dru said it seems like the starting point is to see if they are in compliance with the zoning ordinance in the first place and whether this activity is even permitted at that location because from what he's heard, it sounds like the only thing that is permitted is the variance. If a variance was granted, that implies that even parking those trucks was not in...Kathy said he's allowed to park 8, overnight behind a 6' fence.

MOTION BY: Kathy moved to recommend to Council to determine if this land use is permitted at that location in the first place and if so, follow through whether the activities there are in compliance with the code.

Dru said so you've made that motion, right. Kathy said correct. Dru said we need a second.

SECOND BY: Cheyenne

ROLL CALL: 5-0 (Tom Carocci & Ann Spirk – Absent)

Dru said okay, so he thinks that an appropriate starting point for all of this. Jennifer said would it be wise to get copies of all the research here that Kathy had. Kathy said it would have to come from the person she received it from, so she'd have to ask first. She's pretty sure this is public knowledge. Cheyenne said send in a RTK request. Kathy said 954 of them. Dru said has that been done around here lately? Laura said she doesn't have any files. Kathy said you probably don't but the Zoning Office does. Laura said they hopefully have a lot of that stuff. Jennifer said to expedite it, she would think that individual wouldn't mind...Kathy said she will find out. Dru said he thinks we're good there as a starting point. He asked if there was any other public comment on other items.

Mike Kiefer came up to the microphone. He stated that you have a lot of money and he thinks you should address the Sandra Yerger Preserve Park. The road is going to fail. You need to improve the wetlands there.

Kathy said do you know anybody who could plant some trees or some non-invasive species in there that probably clean that up for the Township. Mike said at the he could help with that.

Dru said some years ago, he doesn't know the exact date, but he's guessing 2010, sometime after Hurricane Ivan, the Township contracted him. He was not involved in open space here or anything and

he was contracted to evaluate the erosion problem in that gully coming off of the golf course that flows down and under Lower Saucon Road or Saucon Road and made all those points that he had in the report, and it's in the Township's hands, of the land use change there. That used to be farms, Kathy's family farmed it. There was a farmhouse on that property right in the center actually, so it was all agricultural land and then converted to the golf course. As you said, all of those things that sometimes hydrologists just called that type of grass, green pavement in terms of its inability to have a high infiltration capacity and instability to generate runoff instead and so that gully that occurred in there had been occurring in the first place because of the runoff but then it was accelerated by Hurricane Ivan runoff in 2006. In fact, the irony of it is that slug of sediment that would be yielded from the top of the slope flowed down through a relatively steep portion of the slope and was just conveyed completely through the channel and then filled in the channel down near the bottom and here's where the irony comes in. We call the ability of a channel to convey a particular discharge, channel capacity. Well, the sediment filled that channel in and reduced its channel capacity so during big runoff events it all flowed over to the field. Now here's the irony. That now supports wetland vegetation because of the overflow from the channel and when he brought that up, someone said well we'll destroy a wetland if we clear the channel out. The irony is clear it out to its original capacity. So, once the wetland became a wetland, there was a tremendous reluctance to do anything about it. He doesn't drive that way very often, but water used to lay on that road down by the intersection, which turns into a traffic hazard at any event but if water turns to ice in the winter, it's self-evident what the problem is. When he suggested they do that, their response was that's not a wetland, but as far as controlling the water in the first place up on the top of the hill, that will be something we can look into if we become the Open Space Committee again, we can look into again to control the budget and what's appropriate for maintenance and this would be more of an ecological, hydrologic restoration project to do that so he thinks that's a point well taken and an endeavor worth pursuing. Ultimately, the open space, as he understands it, was designed to keep everything from being developed and living with the environmental issues that often are vented to that but if we really want ecosystem function and so forth and hydrologic function to be part of this, he thinks it would be appropriate to evaluate that.

Jennifer said she thinks it would and also \$742,000.00 came from the DCNR for that project and she's sure they would be very interested. It shows here that it was done here in October 2014 when it was brought in and then of course it was converted by Countryside Lane, grass trails, property that loves visitors to hike, bird watch, and enjoy natural beauty on this tract which totaled over 541 acres. So, she thinks maybe that would be something we definitely need to address. Mike said if we have the money, we should do something and there are people in the community who specialize in hydration so they are familiar with these things. Dru said again at this stage of the game, this is something they could pursue going forward and particularly if the Open Space Committee becomes part of the EAC again then that gives us a little more agency. Mike said, if you spend the money, then you will be more aware to follow the money. Jennifer said she thinks it's a great example we need to maintain. Laura said it's on the project list.

Mike said the second issue is on Buttermilk. There're runoff issues. It's a washout. Kathy's going to be pissed at me. It comes across Applebutter Road and Buttermilk. It is washing the neighbor's driveway out on the adjoining property. They asked if they could put a swale in on his land and he said yes, and but they did not put a swale in, they dug a trench and it didn't stabilize it, didn't do anything, so now he has soil erosion in his pond and it comes across over the road and it is going on the Pichel's farm and it's a hazard in the winter like a sheet of ice. Now it's his problem. He's approached the neighbor, sent several emails. Kathy had.

Kathy said there are people that bought property in Williams Township but the driveway is in Lower Saucon Township and they decided to revitalize this, like a 100+ driveway and they decided they wanted to use this driveway to get to their property instead of going up Texas Road and around in Williams Township. The driveway abuts Mike's property. They are right there. Well, there's so much water that comes off the driveway and it just comes down and somebody is going to get hurt because the water just goes through across. It is significant.

Dru said he's familiar as he lives right up in that area too, so he's fundamentally familiar with that situation and the gulying on that road and it moves the big cobbles when there's a big runoff. Kathy said it's bad. Mike said that the problem is actually in Williams Township. There's two lots in the back what would've been the produce farm. None of that water gets into the detention pond but none of that goes to the pond so it's been diverted around and it goes down through the hedgerow and that's where the issue is. He wouldn't mind working on this with someone from the Township rather than spending thousands of dollars on it.

Dru said he would be interested in himself just having a conversation with people here in the Township, but sometimes he's reluctant to get, to make motions to Council on things at this scale because we never have done that before on his time on this Committee and he's not sure it's in our purview to deal with individual problems of that nature. So, he thinks it would be, and himself, he would want to talk to the people here in the Township and try to follow up on that. These are ongoing issues throughout Township's that are hard to resolve so he doesn't know what the precedent is but he doesn't know if it's in our purview. He's curious to look into it for his own edification to see what are the boundaries of the EAC, in fact. He will follow through on that, Mike.

III. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. REVIEW OF SHEETZ STORE PRELIMINARY FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT #LD 01-24 – 3727 ROUTE 378 – REVISED 3/22/24

Dru said the last item on the agenda is potentially a big one. We have plans for a Sheetz development that came around with in fact a preliminary version of this at the meeting that was cancelled a month ago. So, there's a lot here to evaluate and the one thing that he, is there enough here to pass these around? There are, so he'll just...no, you don't have this. The Enviro Trac geologic report. He was a bit confused by that because he couldn't find it in the meetings previously. Jennifer said it wasn't, she had it sent to you as she read it in the...Dru said he never thought to look at her emails. He kept looking at Carol's emails and said he knows he saw this. Jennifer said Carol said she did send it. Dru said does everyone have a copy of this or would like one. Laura said she'd like one.

Dru said pass them around. So, he'll just cut to the chase and tell you the one issue that he was concerned about. With a development project at this site, of this scale, you know it's appropriate for the, more so for the Township Engineers, to evaluate it unless anybody sees something that they want to raise, but he will raise this issue. It's something he thinks we should draw to Council's attention to evaluate and that is the geologic report here which is required and in part is part of the carbonate terrain. This site is on carbonate rocks. It's on the Allentown formation. So that evokes the carbonate terrain issue. The data set shows in Figure 5 in this Enviro Trac report, they have soil borings on the site. So, Figure 5, there are no page numbers here, but Figure 5 shows the location of soil borings. There are a number of soil borings but then they only report, for example, the depth of the ground water at the site at an average depth of 13.75' below ground service. He would prefer to see this report consist of logs of all of the bore holes that shows the stratigraphy so they describe what the un-consolidated materials above bedrock but it doesn't show the spatial distribution of the materials nor does it show the elevation of ground water in each soil boring. Their insignificant variation indicating that it's in an average depth of 13.75', in his opinion is insufficient and the reason he is concerned about this is this is a gas station that is going to have underground storage tanks. The underground storage tanks show up on the development plans as being towards the south end of the site where the bank building is currently, but it doesn't show what the water levels are or the stratigraphy in that location. Where's bedrock in that location? What's the depth of groundwater because if there is a release from the tanks ever, the depth of ground water is going to be crucially important and so, he would think we should recommend or he would make a motion, depending on further discussion, but he would make a motion that Township request the basic information from these bore holes that shows the logs and the stratigraphy. Where does the sedimentology change in the vertical sequence and how well do they correlate from bore hole to bore hole and most importantly, the depth to ground water below ground surface in each of these soil borings. Just thinking your way through in the simplest of terms, if we think, say imagine that there were 9 bore holes at an average of 13.75'. You can arrive at that average of 13.75' with a tremendous amount of area building from place to place. It could be one of the bore holes fit in counter ground water at 1.5'

below the surface, so by sharing the data as just an average wouldn't give him enough information to be able to evaluate the development plans fairly, especially the location of the underground storage tanks. There is a misperception among some people that the underground storage tank problem is resolved because in the late 1900's into the turn of the century, all commercial facilities had to replace corrodible metal tanks with non-corrodible synthetic tanks, but unfortunately the ground water contamination or remediation business is thriving because we find a million ways to release gasoline from underground storage tanks from broken pipes to, the list goes on and on. So he thinks particularly given that this is carbonate terrain, that a little more detail in the geologic report is appropriate and specifically that. What's the depth to ground water below the surface in each boring and what is the stratigraphy in each boring and he would request the geologist to create a stratigraphic section. All that means is to correlate the different units spatially in three dimensions. He doesn't know what the rest of the committee thinks or would this be something not of concern.

Kathy said at least she speaks for herself. We would defer to, that's your whole professional career. She has a question though what he is speaking of. If we look on page 3, she doesn't understand what this means – for groundwater evaluation is the heading up here. Dru said okay. Kathy said groundwater and the unconsolidated overburden is expected to flow to the southeast. So that tells her they don't know. Dru said right. Kathy said is that what that means? Dru said, well it could. Here's the question Kathy as he would see it. He noticed that as well so that would give knowing the distribution of the different elevations to groundwater would allow you, he means the groundwater surface is an energy surface. We call it the water table in an unconfined aquifer of the sort. So, and we call the energy of the water table the hydrologic head. So, the distribution of water surface elevation is going to also tell you the distribution of hydraulic head or energy in the system which should indicate the direction of flow. One could do a cursory evaluation of a site and, say for example on your property, you have Bull Run running through your property. A cursory examination would suggest that ground water flow, on either side of that creek, is converging towards the creek, okay. It probably is based on the overall topography, where the wetlands are on the property, all suggested the water flows toward that creek and converges on it. You can make that assessment and make the statement that it is expected to flow towards Black River just by knowing Black River is there. That doesn't mean that's exactly what's happening. Now, if they are making that statement also on the basis of their knowledge of the distribution of water table or hydraulic head from those borings, then they are making that assertion on the basis of two observations. What's expected base on the creek being there and expecting the shallow flow system to flow and converge towards it, but also, they may be using the distribution of hydraulic head to make that statement. The problem from our standpoint is, they are not substantiating why the ground water is expected to flow to the southeast. Is it merely because Black River is there or is it sort of corroborated by the distribution of hydraulic head in this shallow flow system? So, by sharing the information on where the water table is in each of those borings, we get a better sense of whether or not that's being used as background for this conclusion. So, he thinks this report can be improved substantially by simply the presentation of data they already have and that's what he would suggest that Township Council do is refer to the Township Engineers, that they request, as part of this proposal, the data from the borings, the stratigraphy, and the depth to groundwater to determine what this assertion is based on.

Russ said you really can't determine the water tables from these borings (hard to hear). Dru said right, but they also look at the overall, other groundwater wells, the deeper wells to look at impacts. That's always one reason for them looking at Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Groundwater information system. That's basically telling you where there are other wells that are probably deep wells that are tapped into the Allentown formation or in some cases, the unconsolidated material on top of bedrock, sometimes people just call overburden or regolith or if they know exactly its origin, might use more specific terms for that material. The word regolith and overburden are just generic words for unconsolidated material. It could be weather debris from the bedrock. It could be glacial deposits. It could be eluvium from stream deposits. We have names for all of this sub types of unconsolidated material. For a site like this, he wouldn't think that they would bother to make a distinction and just consider if unconsolidated material, overburden, or regolith on top of the bedrock but there's probably two groundwater systems here. That would exist in the unconsolidated material and then the bedrock

system. He suspects with the standard geology around here, that the shallow groundwater is connected to the deep crown water. The flow rates would be different and so forth. He thinks that to evaluate the potential impacts of that tank field, would benefit from knowing where the depth of groundwater is and what the hydraulic gradient because the reason that's important is if there is a release for whatever reason, you are predicting the likely directly of movement of that contaminant. Petroleum is going to mostly float on the water table. We call it an LNAPL or a light non-aqueous phase liquid. We all know oil or gasolines will float but gasolines have set a very complex compounds that in and amongst themselves, have different solubility's so at a typical contamination site a consulting firm would go out and they would probe to get water samples and then they would create what they call isopleth maps of the concentration, not of gasoline but of all the components, soluble components of gasoline too. So there would be a benzene, a toluene and this wouldn't be an issue at a new gas station but we used to put NTV in gasoline as an oxygenate so you would create maps for the concentration of all of these different soluble components so whereas most of the gasoline will float on the surface, there's a significant component of soluble compounds that will dissolve in and migrate with the groundwater, dissolved in the groundwater below the groundwater table so knowing the direction of flow is quite important and knowing the depth of groundwater would be important. He thinks evaluating these plans more carefully.

Laura said did you get that motion there, Carol. Dru said so the motion is simple. It's not all of that rationale. The motion simply would be as follows:

- MOTION BY:** Dru moved to recommend to Council to have Enviro Trac release the information from their boreholes that shows the depth to groundwater in each borehole, the depth below ground surface and to substantiate the assertion on page 3 under the heading of "groundwater evaluation" that supports the assertion that groundwater in the unconsolidated overburden is expected to flow to the southeast towards the Black River. Is that based on data from the boreholes that shows the hydraulic gradient, that would make sense to them.
- SECOND BY:** Cheyenne
- ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Tom Carocci & Ann Spirk – Absent)

Dru asked if anybody had any issues with the plans. When he looked at the engineering it all seemed Proforma and standard. Jennifer said she did drive around to find that retention pond and that's an interesting little road. Kathy said it's hard to get to. Jennifer said it's that side road and the road is not maintained that people live on it. Is there any concern with that because apparently from this, it was built due to obviously the retail, but then the 78. Dru said he didn't pick up on that. So, they are just reusing existing retention pond, same dimensions and so forth. Jennifer said that's her understanding, but she didn't know. Dru said in which case he would, saying that, again, he thinks it would be appropriate for the Township Engineers to make sure that retention pond is sized and designed to match the current impervious surfaces, and storm water generations.

Kathy said a man-made retention pond is located immediately east of the subject property and adjacent to Interstate 78. The storm water retention pond was constructed during the construction of Interstate 78 between 1981 and 1993. Dru said oh, that part he read but he thought you were getting something from this too. Laura said there's really no additional impervious surface as like the shopping center is already paved over. Dru said it's paved over. He didn't read all of the footnotes on the plans for that. At a glance, everything seemed appropriate. He'd be a little bit reluctant to make a motion without digging in more deeply. Kathy said make a motion that we want more time to review. Dru said we could. We had this and he didn't review it. Laura said she thinks this goes to Planning again at the end of this month. Dru said is Haz still on Planning? Laura said Haz no. Dru said because Haz is a Civil Engineer so he would pay attention to that routinely. Kathy said Kologie is. Laura said our engineers may have already drafted a list but it's not in here. Dru said he would be shocked if they wouldn't have. That's usually something that they would pay close attention to. So, if we have no other concerns with that, do you...

Allan said he doesn't see any details in here about the design of burying the gas tanks. Dru said right, they are just showing where the tank field is, that's true. Allan said when they wanted to put a gas station in down at the Giant Market, we complained about it because we were worried about the gas tanks leaking and all that and the screen that runs under there which they put in a pipe and they proposed to put it in the concrete container, like a concrete vault. Would that be sufficient?

Dru said he didn't see any or he didn't think it just wasn't here so that's another question if there's...Allan said he didn't see any detail of how they were going to bury it. Dru said the runoff and so forth was there so let him just see something here. Allan said on C-200 they show where the gas tanks are supposed to go but they don't get into detail or indication of burying it. The EAC was looking at the plans on the side table and speaking among themselves. Dru said it's interesting they have a lot of the other sub surface plumbing and so forth on the plans and pipe bedding in the sub surface. They have the underground storage tanks. Allan said these plans say they are preliminary final land development. Dru said he doesn't see in the detail plans, they have sub surface storm drain plans, manhole plans, but nothing that shows the gasoline storage tank. Laura said maybe we need to amend or add it to the motion. Dru said he would be inclined to make another motion as follows:

- MOTION BY:** Dru moved to recommend and encourage to Council to require that they provide detailed engineering plans for the construction of the underground storage tanks and the EAC thinks it's crucial because this site is identified in sensitive carbonate terrain.
- SECOND BY:** Kathy
- ROLL CALL:** 5-0 (Tom Carocci & Ann Spirk – Absent)

Cheyenne said she has one question. Can we have somebody pull what the State requirements are when they put an underground tank in? Dru said he can find that. Cheyenne said so we can compare what the guideline is with regard to what they plan to do. Kathy said we have that. Dru said for the underground storage tanks? Cheyenne said the Township does, but she'd like to see what the State requirements are as well. Kathy said it's in our minutes. Cheyenne said yes, that was not that long ago. Laura said yes, it was last year. Cheyenne said can you pull what they exactly are so that comparatively if we are going to look at what they say they are going to do, we can say okay the State says this. We know they are going bare minimum or they are going above considering what you are saying about carbonate soil. Dru said he can get that.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

V. UPDATES/REPORTS

A. EAC NETWORK VIRTUAL CONFERENCE NOTES

Dru said okay, we are running late, but updates and reports. It's too bad now that Chad left because of the EAC Network Virtual Conference notes. Jennifer said can we table this for the next meeting. Kathy said it was phenomenal though. She learned so much. Dru said we'll put that on next month's agenda. He thinks that's a great idea.

VI. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9, 2024 MINUTES

Dru said do we want to do a similar thing the minutes or did people go through the minutes carefully. Kathy said she didn't even see the minutes. Allan said he read the minutes and didn't see anything that needed to be changed. Jennifer said it's on page 2, line 44, it's 50 years, not 500 years.

- MOTION BY:**
SECOND BY:
ROLL CALL:

Kathy said she has to say it's so nice to be part of an active EAC. Dru said this has been a great night. Jennifer said there's something she'd like to add, can she say that now? Dru said for the next meeting? Jennifer said yes. Springtown, they went into a source water protection with them that several years ago

and they reached out to her because there's a pdf she has and she can forward to everybody or Carol can forward it too and put it our minutes, but they don't know if it was actually signed and they want to regroup on signing it. What it is, is their water source protection crosses over into Lower Saucon down to Cooks Creek and all that, so they want to see if we want to signed an agreement and if not, what do we need to do to get it signed. So, if we could add that to next month's agenda. Laura said she was on the committee. Jennifer said you were and she found the pdf on our site and reached out to Laura.

Allan said was that where they were going to drill a new well or something and they scrubbed the...Dru said Carol, did you get that request for an agenda item? Carol said yes. Jennifer said Source Water Protection Springtown, Lower Saucon Protection Reports. There's a lot of items that were supposed to be done in correlation to it. Dru said are we ready for a motion to adjourn.

Allan said in Lower Saucon Township where they used to get water, and is that spring going to be included in their source water protection plan. If it is, then that means they have some ideas of what to do about the land around that spring. Laura said the plans were from 10 years ago.

Laura has something she wants to bring up. So, about the social media. The reason nothing ever happened at Council was, she was directed or informed is the preference by the Township is that we would not have full control or administrator rights over a Facebook page. They were sort of suggesting that we just put our posts on the Township page. She would like to suggest we still have our own page, although the Township wants to be the administrator of it. She doesn't really know that much about doing the Facebooks if that would just mean we have to send all the posts their way for review before they get posted or how exactly the logistics would work, but that was the hold up on not getting us an email address and all that.

Dru said one thing he would wonder is usually we are natural information is always to say well if other EAC's are doing this, we should just reach out to them. He would imagine the issues in LST, the concerns of the Township, would be similar to the concerns that any other Township has had and then if we just simply contact the EAC people who are managing their website to say okay, how did you overcome that and then we might have an idea of how to approach the Township and sway their concerns. He doesn't know. Laura said if we want to get going, that's how we could do something quickly or more quickly.

Cheyenne said she thinks you are going to find a lot of it is probably municipality to municipality depending how in tune they are. She certainly understands they would want to know who is putting something out under the guise of the Township Committee. She thinks maybe what we do, is you can schedule posts ahead of time on Facebook, so maybe that's something that we put together a plan for the following month and submit it to Council ahead of time for approval so that they can see exactly what's going to get posted.

Laura said she doesn't know that Council, she doesn't know that was the plan that Council has to approve it but she guesses it wants to be looked at by somebody on the staff. Cheyenne said whoever wants to see it we can actually outline a calendar. You don't want to post everyday but putting in a calendar a month or two months ahead, get it to whoever wants to see it and then one of us can work with Carol and say here's what we would like to present.

Dru said Carol can you give us some insight. Things go on the Township website, right, so someone is approving them. What advice can you give us as far as how we should approach this and who would want to have final approval. Carol said she believes this information came from the Solicitor. Dru said okay. Cheyenne said okay, let's give him the posts. Laura said she doesn't think we need the Solicitor to review it either, that sounds like over. Carol said the idea of not having a separate EAC email address. Cheyenne said she totally understands that. You don't know who is sending what. Laura said so would you make the page using an existing Township email address. Cheyenne said it doesn't honestly what email address, like the Township could set it up under whatever they want it to be and then we send a post to whoever would be sharing it.

Dru said one way or the other, it seems like someone, him as a Chair or you as a person of the Committee of one that's working on this. Laura said Chad was going to work on this. Dru said maybe you should just arrange to come down to the Township meeting one day and sit down and talk with the Interim Township Manager and see what the concerns are and what working arrangement is possible. Cheyenne said she can work through it even presenting a separate page as long as the Township was seeing it and we can just send articles and photos. Dru said he would suggest Cheyenne does that and just go to the Township and arrange to meet with the Interim Township Manager and see what she thinks is appropriate and just have a conversation. Cheyenne said she can do that.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Jennifer moved for adjournment. The time was 9:16 p.m.
SECOND BY: Kathy
ROLL CALL: 5-0 (Tom Carocci & Ann Spirk - Absent)

Next EAC Meeting: May 14, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.