

I. OPENING

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. with Dru Germanoski, presiding.
- B. **ROLL CALL:** **Members:** Dru Germanoski, Jennifer Helton, Laura Ray, Allan Johnson; **Associate Members:** Kathy Pichel McGovern, Janine Bohnam, Chad Heimbecker Russell Sutton; **Staff:** Carol Schneider; **Absent:** Members: Thomas Carocci, Ann Spirk & Cheyenne Reiman; Associate Members: Winfield Clark; **Guests:** Samuel Sowell
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)** – None

II. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE

1. 2024 - 1 - Future meeting discussion.

2. 2024 - 2 -

Dru Germanoski

There was no executive session, that brings us to Open Space. The Open Space Subcommittee did meet immediately prior to this meeting just to finalize our scores on a property that we evaluated in July. It is property # 2024-02. The property, I'll go through the list of the categories that we score properties on, and what the scores were, we were in agreement on everything. So, development potential, we scored it five out of five. Linkage potential, two out of two, because it is a stone's throw away from a property that we preserved as a township through our open space program, and then it's also adjacent to Bechtold's Orchard, which is preserved through the county program. It is an active farm. It has an orchard on it, horse grazing fields, it scores, so that's three out of three for that linkage potential, if I didn't say was two out of two. Ag soils, it does have state defined agricultural soils of significance, so it scores one out of one. Hydrological features, there were no true hydrologic features on the property, it scores Zero out of three. Sensitive natural features, those include things like steep slopes, greater than 8% woodlands, flood plain, rock outcroppings. It did not have any sensitive natural features, so it scores Zero out of three. It was entirely underlain by carbonate rock, so it scores three out of three. We agreed it had great scenic value, so we scored it two out of two, and it has storm water mitigation potential as undeveloped open space, we scored it one, pardon me, one out of one. And so that score is 17 out of 23 just as a reminder to the other members of the EAC, we've never had a threshold number that a property had to score in order to be recommended, or the failed recommendation, we generally thought of it in the collective, certainly, a very low score would have in the past led us not to recommend. This scored 17 out of 23 we felt that the categories in which it scored high was significant, and therefore we're recommending to the EAC to recommend to preserve this space through our open space program to council. And if anybody has any comments or concerns, this would be a moment to share them before we would have a vote. And because this is coming from a subcommittee, Roberts Rules dictate, that work coming out of a committee doesn't require a second, because a number of people comprise that committee. So unlike other motions, we normally have a motion made that requires a second. This coming out of committee doesn't require a second.

Carol Schneider

What number was that Dru?

Dru Germanoski

That was property 2024-02 property initials were AK if that helps to make sure that we're perfectly clear, so hearing no dissension or other discussion. All in favor. Okay? Carries unanimously Carol. Okay, thank you on that. And then just point of information, the Open Space Committee is scheduled to visit and score another property tomorrow, and then we have another one, a third one that we're trying to we're trying to find time. So, to the rest of the EAC open space subcommittee, watch your emails tonight. Tomorrow, I will send an email around. I'm going to try to target next Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday, see how many of us can meet any of those. Then I'm going to reach out to the property representatives again and see if we can match a time next Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Okay, so that that completes the Open, open space portion of the agenda.

3. **2024 - 3 - Future meeting discussion.**

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **2024 ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT - REIMANN (NORTHAMPTON COUNTY) CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

Dru Germanoski

The next item of business is new business. It's the 2024, annual monitoring report of the Reiman property, the conservation easement on the Reiman property, and that information is provided with a call to meeting. It is on the back side of the agenda. Is the way it showed up in my file. So that information is there for us. I don't know, all we basically do is receive that report, unless there's some reason to discuss it.

Jennifer Helton

My only question was, why did we just get one page? But the two other properties had pictures?

Dru Germanoski

I'm sorry. Oh, the other one had a more extensive report.

Jennifer Helton

Yes, this will be a third that we've received.

Carol Schneider

That's what we got in...

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I'm sorry, I'm trying to catch up. The point of this the heading 2024, annual monitoring report for one easement. It's just for one.

Jennifer Helton

Yeah, the Heritage Conservation, they're the second party.

Laura Ray

Their third party, they're on the on the conservation easement Their role is to go, every year and evaluate, they check the property and make sure it's still spot happening there that goes against, I see what was in their particular easement.

Carol Schneider

Jennifer, I apologize. I see it says one of eight, but this is all I got, so I'll look into it and see what other pages yeah might have been. And then I'll just forward on to everybody.

Jennifer Helton

It's normally fine. It's just good to know because this is information. But I did look this up, and it's not far.

Laura Ray

It's down Springtown Hill Road.

Jennifer Helton

Oh, is that where that is?

Dru Germanoski

Carol, would you like to back up? Would you like a copy of the score sheet?

Carol Schneider

Sure, that would be helpful. Okay, I'll put it in the file.

Chad Heimbecker

We, don't have to act on this.

Jennifer Helton

No but if there was a condition where maybe the property and they may come back to us and say, you know, we're observing this, we recommend that we would maybe want to work with them. But I don't think there's ever been a case.

Chad Heimbecker

Maybe, if it violates, but it's not, and that's not noted on here at all, right? There's a pass fail of this kind.

Jennifer Helton

I don't know, we just, this is the first year, right?

Carol Schneider

We never got them before, not that I'm aware of.

Jennifer Helton

I mean, I think it's good.

Dru Germanoski

I mean, and this is that, for more for their purposes, I believe, I think they're just putting us in the loop and informing us. Is that your perception?

Chad Heimbecker

Laura how many acres is that a property you inspected? The one you're just talking about.

Dru Germanoski

This was 4.30 the open space one? I should have said that 19.7 acres. Okay, I'm sorry that was that's in a different category on the page, and I just didn't look into that box. But yeah, that's a good question, something always worth considering as well, because over the years, we've had quite a range of scale, of properties, including less than an acre, believe it or not, sometimes it's mattered. Sometimes we've recommended it because it was a trailhead or something, for example. So sometimes a very small parcel can have significance in that respect, but many cases, they do not.

Allan Johnson

This, I just wanted to say this particular property is in two parts. Part of it's in Bucks County, and part of it is in Lower Saucon Township. So, I'm thinking this 4.32 acres is probably only the part that's in Lower Saucon Township, because I think the overall property is more important.

Dru Germanoski

I vaguely remember and then scoring that property now that I'm thinking it through, it's a bigger parcel.

Laura Ray

It was like an old boy scout camp or something.

Dru Germanoski
Very good. Moving on.

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. EAC Review of LS OPP DEVCO LLC Conditional Use #CU 01-24 - 3621 Old Philadelphia Pike

Dru Germanoski

The next item was a developer item, which we received plans, as we usually do for development item. In this case, that the development item was a billboard. So, there's billboard profile details and so forth. And in from my view, I'll just say, from my view, I didn't see any issues here of EAC issues per se. So, I open the discussion to the rest of the community.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

There are issues here. I actually didn't go through it. I just assume, is that a replacement sign, or it's a new sign?

Jennifer Helton

It's a new sign.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

They want a new one up there?

Chad Heimbecker

Is this on 378?

Jennifer Helton

Yes, where the fire station is. I went by there, and I took a picture of, I think it's Blair construction as a comparison. And this map was hard to read, I didn't even know what they were trying to do. But right now, just so you know, my phone's a little dirty. This I'm showing my phone, and this is a sign that's there for that barbecue. It's just a little kind of, yeah, so sorry. It's just a sign on wheels, and then the property. It abuts up and it's in a flood plain, which is fine, but my question was just for comparison, not that it matters if it would be similar to this size. And I couldn't tell from the information that was provided. And this is one by Blair construction.

Allan Johnson

The only thing that I notice is it seems like the Black River is nearby. I see on the drawing here the words Black River, but there's not a lot of additional markings that I can see.

Chad Heimbecker

It's just north of Walter Street.

Jennifer Helton

I don't see any issues other than, you know.

Chad Heimbecker

Is it an electronic sign?

Jennifer Helton

Yeah, LED.

Dru Germanoski

Well, that's why I think it fits within the ordinance, townships ordinance as far as hours of lighting and so forth, 25 feet high, that's a big sign. And I guess I almost it sounds like a cynical perspective, perhaps, but I sort of felt like that area is kind of sign city already.

Laura Ray

That's kind of where a sign belongs.

Jennifer Helton

Yeah.

Chad Heimbecker

Has anything to do with it, with the guardrail there?

Dru Germanoski

And the other thing to point out is we usually have, in the past with any developer items, either, if we felt that to evaluate a proposal on environmental on an environmental basis, we would either request more information when we had specific concerns, or certainly if we felt that there were environmentally adverse issues right up front, we could recommend to council that they not approve it. And then, of course, it's up to council to make a decision based on all of the various criteria that council might take into consideration for something beyond environmental concerns. But I personally didn't have any reason to say this is a problem, and here's why environmentally.

Chad Heimbecker

Do they have to remove any of those trees?

Dru Germanoski

Yeah, I don't know if they do. I didn't. I didn't take note of that.

Chad Heimbecker

There's a power pole right there.

Dru Germanoski

That's another question. What trees environmentally significant? Or in some cases, it's part and parcel of doing something like this.

Carol Schneider

Dru, I gave you a big map so that you could spread it out. It would be right under your packet.

Jennifer Helton

It would be very helpful.

Dru Germanoski

Oh, you did have there's one I buried.

Chad Heimbecker

These plots can be hard when they're on 8 1/2 x 11.

Dru Germanoski

So here is the larger paper version of what we all received electronically. I'm going to very quickly see if it says what it says about any trees or...

Chad Heimbecker

Vegetation.

Dru Germanoski

Trees or vegetation.

Chad Heimbecker

Yeah, I can't read this.

Dru Germanoski

They don't make that clear in the notes. I'll pass it down to see if anybody that has questions can discern from the map whether you view them as substantial.

Allan Johnson

See if you can see where it says Black River Road.

Chad Heimbecker

At the north end of it?

Allan Johnson

Down, it's like down, just down below where the sign is.

Laura Ray

The magistrate, I think, is on Walter. So, yeah, where the magistrate is down there, Kathy.

Chad Heimbecker

That's the barbecue sign. This is the power pole. That's there already.

Janine Bonham

That's where it would go.

Dru Germanoski

One question you might be able to see or answer from that map is they do have a reference to the 100-year flood plain. So somewhere on that map, whether the sign is in the 100-year flood plain or not, may be relevant

Jennifer Helton

These codes here. That's flood plain (FP). It's also over here.

Dru Germanoski

And based on, I would say, based on the plan view of the plan view building designed for that particular billboard, I don't see any issues of putting a structure of that sort on the 100-year flood plain. And I say that because the support structure wouldn't be sufficient enough to impact water flow or anything of that nature.

Chad Heimbecker

So, this is where the barbecue sign is, right?

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Yeah, its way from where that is.

Allan Johnson

FP, FP. FP, is that in floodplain?

Janine Bonham

That's this, is it using the telephone pole?

Allan Johnson

it's like, right in the tub.

Janine Bonham

It's probably gonna pull electricity of that off of it or the street light. Vertical.

Allan Johnson

It's a big foundation and move a lot of dirt around to build the foundation.

Dru Germanoski

So, do we have concerns, or do we? We sometimes, in these cases, just simply have no comment.

Jennifer Helton

I say no comment.

Dru Germanoski

We don't have to recommend anything to Council, so I would suggest that we leave this as a no comment issue.

Dru Germanoski

Okay, so then, if that's the case, we move forward to Public Comment. If any public there's a member of the public here you have, okay?

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - NONE

VI. **UPDATES/REPORTS**

A. **EAC Membership**

Dru Germanoski

I think everybody here recalls the issue at hand regarding membership is that two of the members voting members of this Committee have not attended any of our meetings during 2024. Our bylaws say that regarding attendance of members, that the chairman of his or her own may or a majority of the voting members present at any scheduled advisory council meeting, may vote to notify any EAC member or associate who is absent from any four consecutive regular monthly EAC meetings, or who is absent from six regular monthly meetings during any 12-month period without reasonable cause. The notification and this is to basically remove the person from the EAC for nonfeasance. That's ultimately where this goes. So, the notification shall be written. It should include a summary of the members or associate's attendance record and request the person to reply with in writing within 20 calendar days, or appear in person at the next regular monthly EAC meeting, whichever occurs sooner. So, in this case, we sent notification to members, Ann Spirk, and Tom Carocci, that they have not been in attendance, which I'm sure they realized, and they had two opportunities to respond. One was in writing within 20 days. That did not happen, nor did they attend the next meeting, which happened in July after the notification. So, nonfeasance, in essence, includes a failure to perform one's duties. In this case is which is to attend these meetings and participate. So, with that as background, I move that we recommend to council that these two voting members be removed from the EAC and that we vote to recommend two voting replacement members in their stead. Those members will, in essence, in any similar replacement scenario, will simply fill out the duration of Ann Spirk and Tom Carocci's term on this committee. So that's a motion on the floor.

Jennifer Helton

I second your motion.

MOTION BY: Dru moved that we recommend to council that these two voting members be removed from the EAC and that we vote to recommend two voting replacement members in their stead.

SECOND BY: Jennifer, 4-0-3 (Cheyenne Reiman, Tom Carocci & Ann Spirk - Absent)

Dru Germanoski

Does anybody have comment or discussion, or are we ready to vote All in favor? Aye. To facilitate Council's performance of their duties. I think it is possible and appropriate for us to consider recommending to Council elevating to Associate Members to full voting member status, ultimately, the reason for removing these two members is to get people here who have voting status so that we can perform our duties as a committee from month to month. So again, what we would do in this case, we can't have written private votes, so we have to this has to go on the public record. So what we'll do is first, someone from the committee, a voting member, nominate a person, and then we get a second for that, and then vote that person in or not, and we have two seats to fill. Okay? Does anybody want to make a recommendation?

Jennifer Helton

I would like to move that Kathy be moved up to one of the voting positions.

Laura Ray

Do we want to clarify when their terms end? Because I don't recall when each term ends. I think Tom would have ended this year, 2024.

Dru Germanoski

I don't know, I don't have that.

Laura Ray

Should be on the website. Yeah, maybe we'll look quick. 2024 both of them have the same expiration.

Dru Germanoski

Both of them expired this year? The other thing, I guess, just for point of information, in case this is an issue of concern, normally, what we've done is I believe and correct me, Carol or Laura Ray, if I'm wrong about this. Normally, once you're voted in as a voting member, the township simply contacts you to see if you wish to remain a voting member of the committee, so when your term expires, that doesn't generate a vote for this committee to make a new recommendation to council, just for the sake of anyone who's not sure of that.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

The Planning Committee was like that, you know, when your term expires, you get a letter. This is to notify them if you do not want to continue, otherwise, you know, you'll continue.

Dru Germanoski

Okay, is there any discussion regarding the nomination of Kathy Pichel? I would simply say that Kathy has been an exceptionally active member of this committee and has been quite helpful with this committee. Are we ready to call the question?

Laura Ray

I was gonna say I'll second the nomination.

Dru Germanoski

I'm sorry. Okay, all in favor, you know, unanimous Carol, so we still have a seat. Does anybody have another nomination from the I feel reluctant as chair of the committee to nominate people, just so you understand.

Laura Ray

So, the important part to me is, who is the person who thinks they're pretty good with attendance so that we don't end up with the lack of quorum issue? So that's a key thing. I think everybody else we have on our committee is pretty environmentally minded. So, to me, I wouldn't have a qualm no matter who. So maybe amongst yourselves, if you want to talk.

Dru Germanoski

The other thing to be aware of, too is oftentimes we think about how long someone has served as an associate. That's not a requirement. And the people who are associates, as it turns out, at this point, all joined the committee in roughly the same time, year.

Chad Heimbecker

Winfield isn't here and neither is I'm sorry. Winfield isn't here and neither is Cheyenne.

Dru Germanoski

She's already a voting member.

Chad Heimbecker

I apologize. in that case, anyways, I maybe we should have more discussion on this when there's other members in attendance on this, I think, I mean, I don't want to hold it up.

Dru Germanoski

We have voting members here. The other two members are, Cheyenne is a voting member, but we have a quorum. I would, I think it best that we move forward here and tidy this up. I think, frankly, as Laura said, we have several people who are active and busy and responsible and have shown an environmental ethic. And I believe we can self-nominate. I don't see any reason we can't, and I don't think anyone should be embarrassed to do so. In some ways, it could, I know shouldn't say too much, but it could be a measure of a person's willingness to perform the responsibilities. We could also nominate Winfield in his absence. Nominate Winfield in his absence, and he could ultimately simply decline.

Chad Heimbecker

Well, if there's a need in the township, I'd like to help.

Dru Germanoski

You wish to self-nominate? Okay, I'll second that.

Laura Ray

He's not a voting member.

Chad Heimbecker

I'm not a voting member.

Laura Ray

Yeah, that's what we need voting members.

Dru Germanoski

So, I guess a voting member should make the nomination, knowing that Chad to be yes, knowing that we have a willing, capable person, yeah, I will second that nomination. Yes. Okay, any discussion, or are we ready to vote, all in favor. So, Carol, I think it's clear that we're recommending to council, first of all, that Mr. Carocci and Mrs. Spirk be removed from this committee as voting members, and Chad and Kathy both be elevated to voting member status. Okay, very good. Thank you, everybody.

Dru Germanoski

Allan, your item is next on the agenda, the Climate Action Plan update you had. Carol forward to all of us the document. I have to just move around my computer to get to it. But if you wish to speak to that, where you have the floor.

B. Climate Action Plan Update (AJ)

Allan Johnson

Okay, you want to turn this thing around. I have a couple things to say. First of all, Laura, I'm under the understanding that Chad and myself and Russell have been appointed as representatives to Act 167 and Climate Action, right?

Laura Ray

Yes.

Allan Johnson

Okay, all right.

Laura Ray

So, kind of backups to each other too. Not that you all have to attend all the things, but so we could have somebody,

Allan Johnson

I thought you said that in case, you know, somebody doesn't attend somebody else will, right?

Laura Ray

That's what I mean. Like kind of back each other up. Not that all three of you have to attend all these, yeah, committee meetings.

Carol Schneider

So just to be clear, at the last EAC meeting, you nominated Allan and only Allan, correct?

Chad Heimbecker

That's how I remember it.

Laura Ray

We did discuss all three of them.

Carol Schneider

But you nominated Allan. That's what I have in the minutes, I believe. So, I just want to be clear, because I know Russ called today asking that same question. I just want to be clear.

Laura Ray

We can clarify. It is open to the public. So, anybody, all of us, could attend if we wanted to. I mean, anybody not in the EAC, it's open to the public, it's right, so, but it's just kind of like we need somebody that can report back to.

Carol Schneider

It's a point of contact.

Dru Germanoski

So, anybody of us can serve as an informal contact.

Laura Ray

If you want to go...

Dru Germanoski

It's actually the conveyance of information that's really important to us.

Chad Heimbecker

I just need to know when the meetings are.

Allan Johnson

Well, let me get started here. I sent an email telling you that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission website, LVPC.org is the website that's where all the information is. And then when you go to that website, the tab that says environmental, click on that, and it'll open up a list. And then you click on nature plus water, and that'll take it to the Act 167 information. So far, there hasn't been anything done with the climate action, with the global climate action, in other words, the second phase of the climate action plan that hasn't started yet. So, there's no websites for that, and there's nothing up there, all right, so I got that worked out. So, what did I find out? I went to the meeting. I went to the meeting, and I got this workshop, LV water presentation. But before we go there, I want to talk about something else, which is all part of this. What's going to happen here is that the LVPC is going to do a big study that's going to include all the municipalities in Lehigh County and Northampton County and all the watersheds in Lehigh County and Northampton County. Now the watersheds I'm talking about are the ones that have been delineated by the state of Pennsylvania as part of the Act 167 study so maybe I'm going to go to this, this here, I also think was emailed to you. All right. If you look on there under Lower Saucon Township, you will see that there are parts of three watersheds in Lower Saucon Township, Catasauqua Watershed, Saucon Watershed and Fries Run. Now Fries Run is definitely different. They gave that name, like when they talk and they say, Fries Run what they really mean is the Fries Run study. Now the Fries Run study includes, I got some stuff here to give to Russell so he can give that to the people in Steel City, and I wanted to give one to Kathy, because she lives down there. Thank you, and I'll give this to Laura later. So, the Catasauqua Watershed, there's only a small part of it in Lower Saucon Township. The Saucon Creek Watershed. There's a lot of it in Lower Saucon Township, but not all of it. Some of it goes, you know, over the border, down towards Coopersburg and further down the line. And then there's the Fries Run study. Now, let me see if I can find them.

Dru Germanoski

I'm just a little bit perplexed anyway about them placing Catasauqua Creek in the Lower Saucon watershed. Lower Saucon drains into the Lehigh River and Catasauqua Creek is not a tributary to Lower Saucon. Out township doesn't extend across the Lehigh River. So that one just sort of confuses me.

Allan Johnson

Well, the Catasauqua, you have to look at the maps. The Catasauqua watershed circles around Bethlehem and from looking at the map, I can figure out the part of lower Saucon township that's up against Fountain Hill. Right around there is a little section of the Catasauqua watershed that covers a little bit on lower Saucon Township.

Dru Germanoski

That's not the watershed itself.

Allan Johnson

Well, it's not the watershed we know. What you have to understand is the areas that have been delineated by the state of Pennsylvania in the Act 167 stormwater program study.

Chad Heimbecker

Okay.

Allan Johnson

It's what they did.

Chad Heimbecker

Zone two?

Dru Germanoski

So, it does? They draw the boundary into Lower Saucon.

Allan Johnson

Not geography. That includes just Catasauqua Creek, but it also includes part of the land around it. I guess. That's how it gets done.

Allan Johnson

Legally, or whatever you want to call it, we're in that one a little bit. And now what that means is when the Act 167 study gets completed and a model ordinance for the Catasauqua watershed has been created and approved by everybody. That means, if any development happens in Lower Saucon Township in that little bit of area that is included in the Catasauqua Creek watershed, then that is the ordinance that has to be applied to that development for storm water regulations. So, the same thing happens for the other two watersheds. Any development that occurs in the Saucon Creek watershed, the part that's in Lower Saucon Township, the model ordinance that they come up with for Lower Saucon Township, I mean, for the Saucon Creek watershed, Lower Saucon Township will have to utilize that ordinance in those developments that are in the area that they call the Saucon Creek watershed in Lower Saucon Township. We don't care what happens further down the line. That's some other municipalities problem. So, getting over to the third one, which is Fries Run. Now, let me look through here so I can get the right words.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Fries Run is parallel to the Delaware. It's on 611 Correct?

Dru Germanoski

It crosses 611 it begins down in, I could see maybe the head waters being right around Pector Hill, which would be right on the Williams/Lower Saucon Line, and draining east.

Allan Johnson

This table that's in here. It's like all the way to the back. Now the formal correct title is Fries Run - Delaware River Sub Basin two, plus Lehigh River Sub Basin five. All of those watersheds, you know, geographical watersheds are included in the Fries Run study area. So, this thing that I passed out here on there, it says Freemansburg. You see that Russell?

Russell Sutton

Yes.

Allan Johnson

Cathy.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Yes.

Allan Johnson

Freemansburg is over more to the left. On the other side of that black line, right underneath the area where it says Freemansburg, that's where Steel City is. So, Steel City is located between the Lehigh River and that bridge that's behind Steel City. The boundary of the water shed is on top of that ridge and so and then it goes out. You see that that dash line that goes straight up and down, well, that's the Lower Saucon Township border with Williams Township. So, for our purposes, it goes all the way out to there. Now that includes Bull Run. And since Bull Run runs through Kathy's property, and it includes the road. What's that road that goes down the fire the one that goes down Redington Road in your parent's farm, you know, is included in in this Fries Run study. Okay, that's why. And if you look, if you look on the second page, the key shows you what the different spotted areas mean.

Dru Germanoski

If you look at the at the report that Allan shared with us, and you look on page 12 of that 24-page report, where it says, Act 167, watersheds of the Lehigh Valley. One, if you zoom in anywhere on there, one of the things you immediately recognize is that these, these report boundaries, are not watershed boundaries in a hydrologic sense. So, the basis by which they drew these isn't clear to me, but don't get caught up and frustrated with the fact that Bull Run is not part of the Fries Run watershed from a hydrologic standpoint, but it's grouped in there. These boundaries transcend watershed boundaries in every case.

Allan Johnson

Bull Run is part of the Lehigh River Sub Basin, five watershed. It's not part of Fries Run Watershed that goes into the Delaware River. Fries Run is a part of the Delaware watershed. That's why I wanted you to look at this page, part of the Delaware River, sub basin two. Now the other thing that I want to make you aware of Russell is that you will see that that Fries Run study area includes a large area on the north side of the river. So, all those municipalities over there, including parts of the city of Easton, they're all part of it, so they're all going to be involved with following it and comments or whatever. So, I just want to let you know that it's not just you guys.

Chad Heimbecker

These boundaries seem a little arbitrary.

Dru Germanoski

Yes, I don't see why they don't make clear here, what the criteria is they use for their boundaries. What's ironic is they have a slide here page that says watershed primer, an area of land that drains to a single point, such as a creek or river, and then they show a standard cartoon diagram of a watershed.

Allan Johnson

Do you know how to decipher these maps?

Dru Germanoski

What's that?

Allan Johnson

Do you know how to decipher those maps? You see those. Do you know how to decipher that? You see those. There's, little areas, and each one has a number, that is a sub watershed of the big overall water shed.

Dru Germanoski

Right now, technically...

Allan Johnson

And the reason they do that is because they have calculated the storm water runoff in each one of those little sub watersheds. And as you. Can see from this other chart that was done back in 2006 a long time ago. And before that, it was done in 1997 so I'm sure that nowadays, with all the development that's happened everywhere and the new modern models that we have and computer calculations, all of those figures will be probably be redrawn and recreated. So, I wanted to let you know that now this here is just a blow up of the part of this that shows Steel City. So, I made this up for Russell, if you take that map, which is at the end of the Fries Run study area, water shed plan that was written back where that was updated back in 2006 and you go all the way down to the bottom, that's where that map is. It's part of the report that was done back in 2006. So now that everybody understands that, we can look at this. So, I think the most important thing here to look at is the purpose and goal. Which are on page five. Create consistent, up to date storm water ordinance, including green infrastructure and water balance standards, PADEP, post construction, storm water management measures and climate change considerations. So, there's going to be climate change considerations included in this Act 167 study. Next one coordinate with all 62 municipalities, county conservation districts, equity communities, interested groups and PADEP, that's a job for LVPC.

They have a lot of coordinating to do, but they're good at that. Update hydrological analysis to reevaluate the runoff control standards, establish baseline water quality analysis for all 15 watersheds for MS4 planning. Now, if nobody knows what MS4 means, that means municipal separate storm sewer systems. So here in Lower Saucon Township, we do have some separate storm sewer systems, mostly, I think over on the west side of Hellertown, I don't think we have any out where we live, except maybe on Silver Creek Road, maybe. But anyway, that's for other people to figure out.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Can I ask a question? The Springtown people were here, right? And we were discussing how we were going to look at reevaluating what they had done, how many years ago it was when you did. Is that right? So, is that all part of this, or is that something separate?

Allan Johnson

Well as part of that discussion Dru suggested that we do a watershed study. What did you call it a watershed analysis of Lower Saucon Township, especially our area where we live around here, and make that, like a township job?

Dru Germanoski

I don't remember.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

When Springtown was here.

Dru Germanoski

Right, but I think that I was recommending to the Springtown representatives that they reach out to officially to our township to take consideration of well head protection, or spring head protection, in that case as part of the Cooks Creek.

Allan Johnson

I thought you said you were going to talk to your buddy at Lehigh University.

Dru Germanoski

I have a note here myself to see if they did that for the Hellertown water supply as a point of information, and then see where that conversation might lead.

Allan Johnson

Okay, well, that's what I remembered anyway. So, we'll see what happens. You know, we all thought it was a good idea to do a watershed analysis of especially this part of Lower Saucon Township, since we have, you know, all of us have wells and septic systems and Hellertown watershed is here. Right, all kinds of things going on.

Dru Germanoski

I think we that's a for us to recommend anything along those lines. We should have a more comprehensive discussion about it, because what we would in essence be recommending the township Council is to devote a significant amount of financial resources to do study similar to what Springtown did, that will not be inexpensive. It would be very expensive due to at our township scale, in part because we do have several watersheds within the township, and whereas I agree that water quality is very important, the township council may not feel that it is as important to fund such an expensive endeavor as it is to say the Cooks Creek people who have a water supply that they rely on, and likewise, Hellertown which has a discrete water supply that they're providing, whereas most of this township water supply is more diffuse in so far as their individual wells in most cases, I think the western part of our township gets water supply From a municipal water supply. That's actually the water itself is derived outside of all of our water sheds, all of the water sheds that are within the township. So, it's just something, if we want to put it on an agenda and really discuss this, we should do some fact gathering and make it a sort of new business item, where we do some background work

and then have a comprehensive discussion. And one of the background works is that is free. It's just me contacting my colleague, Frank at Lehigh, who is on the Water Authority Board for Hellertown water supply. So, in five minutes, I'll know whether they've conducted a study or whether they're considering such a study. But I think it's a conversation we could have.

Allan Johnson

Yeah, we can work on that, you know, later if everybody wants to do that, yeah, so what's on the next phase here, population. One of the reason the population is so important, is that the more people we have in the Lehigh Valley, the more houses they want to build, the more houses they want to build, the more impervious it is, where the water can't get into ground?

Dru Germanoski

To reduce recharge ground water.

Allan Johnson

Impervious. The more impervious coverage there is. Whenever they do any kind of development, they increase the impervious coverage, so therefore you get more storm water runoff instead of instead of it being absorbed. That's why you have that in there. Stream water quality review. Well, they list what streams in Lehigh and Northampton County are high quality for fish. You can read that stream water quality overview, another map of the same thing, watershed perimeter was a small example of that watershed drainage areas. What she was trying to show here is that, you know, throughout the United States, they have all, all these watershed areas divided up into watersheds, and they have them in huge watersheds and then smaller divisions of the huge into semi huge. And then it goes all the way down, till it gets down to where we are. The watershed level. You have region sub region basin, sub basin watershed where we are. And then those little things on the map that I showed you Dru. Those are the sub watersheds. We're down here, level six, I guess, or level five and level six. The woman who is in charge of this study. Her name is Susan Meyeroff. She is well known in the water area in Pennsylvania. You know, water quality, water streams, water, everything. So, she's a very knowledgeable person, according to what they told us. Watersheds of the Lehigh Valley. There you go. They're all drawn out for you there. And you can see how Catasauqua, which is number two, wraps around. And just touches the top part of Lower Saucon over there on the west side. So, they give you an example here of how they did. Oh, what I wanted to say is that a number of the past watershed studies are all published on that website, and I read through to learn a lot of the stuff that I learned. So, if you want to know a lot of the details, they explain everything in there, their philosophy, their strategy, their everything about why they have done the watershed storm water studies in the past the way they did them, there might be changes in the future.

Laura Ray

We had said a lot of them were pretty old, though, right?

Allan Johnson

Well, yeah, if you look at this list.

Chad Heimbecker

The Saucon one is from 91.

Allan Johnson

But they still, they still seem to be following the same form and strategy, because storm water has been here since 1991 in fact, Act 167 was written in 1978 so that's how it was first written, when they first started worrying about storm water to the point where they had to write a law about it. So, I think I learned a lot by reading it, even though it's that old.

Dru Germanoski

Allan shared this with us all, so we could all look through these slides, and I encourage all of us to do that.

Allan Johnson

There's one more big point that I want to make. If you see in the back here county responsibilities, it says, consult with municipalities through the Watershed Plan Advisory Committee. Now, every one of these ordinances that they came up with, any studies that they did in the past, they always had a Watershed Plan Advisory Committee for each one, and the people on that committee were usually engineers from the various engineering companies here in the Lehigh and Northampton counties, there has to be one for each municipality. That means that Lower Saucon Township is going to have to select one. And I suppose it'll be Hanover Engineers, because they are the ones that have been doing all the watershed, they're the ones that have been determining what the current watershed ordinances that we have, how they have been applied to the developments in our township in the past. So that's what, I think.

Russell Sutton

Are you taken in account the climate changes and the differentials of rainfalls that we've had, as opposed to?

Allan Johnson

I think the analysis will take into consideration all those things. If you read the ordinances that I'm talking about right, they address just about everything that has to do with rain water and storm water that you can think of, things that I never knew about.

Chad Heimbecker

In 1991 for the watershed. Here, you know they have columns for flow, one, 5-10, 50 and 100 years. So, I don't know if those values have changed since 1991 in the prediction so what or how much.

Russell Sutton

Because the 100-year storms are now like every year.

Chad Heimbecker

Well, so maybe some of the calculations need to be revised, right? But then what is this going to do if you know these plans that come out, that the township has to adopt new ordinances to control the storm runoff, and enforcement of that, then?

Laura Ray

Possibly.

Allan Johnson

According to what I read, it seems that first of all, the ordinance, the model ordinance, you know, will be reviewed by the township. Then if they okay, it goes to the county, and the county okays it. It goes to the state, and then the state oks it, it becomes the enforcement thing. If I got it right, what they're going to do is they give the township, not just our township, but the municipalities, the opportunity to enforce, whenever they have a development to enforce the ordinances, you know, for their watershed, their town, in their municipality, and if they don't do it, they give them a couple warnings. And if they still don't do it, they cut them off from all money, federal money and state money grants. You know, we're always looking for grants, so that's pretty big stinger. You know, it probably isn't going to go that far. I don't think so.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

The only question that I would have for the whole thing, we as a committee made the choice to have a person go to attend the meeting. Based on what he just presented. Is it our responsibility to tell the council, or tell Hanover Engineering what they're planning to do? And so, he had, Hanover Engineering has a heads up, or is that something that comes way above the EAC?

Laura Ray

Allan and I kind of had a long conversation about this while I was traveling through Connecticut. And I mean, my thought would be, Hanover should be well aware of all this stuff. I would like to discuss with that council to, you know, see and make sure that they have something in place, that our radars will be going. I mean, it's so good for us to keep our ears and involvement in it as well, but I would imagine they have to be, I mean, because everything that had to do with, as soon as they started with all this Act 167 stuff, I mean, really, the engineer went through our ordinances and made sure we were in compliance. Now, if it's going to be changing and updated, I would imagine they're still responsible.

Dru Germanoski

This is coming from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. It's their standard practice to be involved with the municipalities and communication, they basically try to coordinate all the municipalities and bring the municipalities on board. They're an interesting group in the sense that they are planning committee, but they don't have, as I understand it, they don't have true authority over any township to force anyone to comply with anything. I think they have to try to establish cooperation and make advancements in that regard. They can make recommendations. They can they can share their opinions publicly and so forth, which they do, but I think they routinely reach out to the townships and municipalities, because that those are the groups of people whose cooperation, they need to advance their agenda.

Russell Sutton

So, they don't have any authority. They just advisory, right?

Dru Germanoski

Much the same way one can think of, for example, the landfill expansion recommendation. They can speak out against it, but they don't have true authority to prevent anything from moving forward.

Chad Heimbecker

It looks like the next meeting is on the 15th, just coming up in a couple days, at 9am at the location in Allentown, but it's a repeat.

Allan Johnson

No, it's a new meeting. I don't know what they're going to do there, but I'm going to go and see.

Chad Heimbecker

Okay, it looks like it might be just the same content, but I'm not sure about that.

Dru Germanoski

I guess you'll learn rather quickly Allan, their standard practice is to have a couple of meetings and vote into the same thing to accommodate as many participants, or whether this will be a totally different agenda or a follow up agenda, but you intend to go on?

Allan Johnson

Yes.

Chad Heimbecker

I have some conflicts with work, so I'm not going to have other clients. And you're right, I do not see on the climate action that says that there's no upcoming events for that one. I'll try to keep tabs of this, and as soon as anything's out, if you can let me know if you see it.

Allan Johnson

Check the website. Just check it, because that's the way I find that. Supposedly, I was supposed to get emails, but so far, I didn't get any. So, I don't know why. I'm gonna find out tomorrow.

Jennifer Helton

Is waterfront in Allentown?

Allan Johnson

Yes. The way I got there is I went out the boulevard all the way out, crossed over the bridge on the Lehigh River right, and then the first stop light is Front Street. I turned left there, and I went one or two blocks to East Allen. East Allen. And then which way did I turn to left again? And went down towards the river, and that takes you right down to the building. It's a brand-new building. Okay, don't park in the parking lot, though, because you've got to get a ticket. At the end of the meeting, they give you a ticket and you only have 15 minutes to get out of the parking lot. How do you like that? So, I park in the other parking spaces, and I'm not going to park in the parking lot. Take me 15 minutes and walk there.

Dru Germanoski

Okay, thanks Allan.

C. Cooks Creek Watershed Association 50th Anniversary on July 13th (JH)

Dru Germanoski

Thanks, Allan. Coming on to other updates for item C- Cooks Creek Watershed Association 50th Anniversary, which occurred on July 13th. Jennifer, you have a report on that?

Jennifer Helton

Yeah, it went really well. It was hot as the dickens and Chad was great with the traffic. So, it was good. A lot of networking with the watersheds and that. So, it was very good.

Chad Heimbecker

The music was good. You know, all the I was impressed with how do I say this? There are so many divergent communities out there, but this felt like something where a lot of different groups of people that normally wouldn't come together, come together. When you talk about the people like to hunt and fish, and our to advocates in that kind of crowd, meeting with the environmentalists who want to preserve and protect and then you have, you know, representation from just different organizations that, yeah, the Game Commission and everybody involved. So, it's kind of like, you see how this all interrelates, yeah, to so many lives and hobbies and interests. And it was, it was nice. Yeah, the free plants they gave out were great. So, I have some of those growing on my deck, some of the grasses that they have, not everything survived, unfortunately, but I tried to take care of it. And I've been using those dryer sheets that they were too. Yeah, I don't know if you've seen that. They are trying to reduce the amount of liquid, the water in your detergent that you're paying for, in the plastic that gets in, back into the landfill, you know, the garbage process.

Jennifer Helton

And if I can add to that real quick. It actually came through Durham EAC. And so, there's so much we can do on simple things like that. I mean, they promote that.

Chad Heimbecker

Some of the little arts and crafts thing they did were fun.

Dru Germanoski

I just want to remind us all, next Thursday, we've been aware of an EAC group meeting that is going to be online, right? Calendars, right?

Chad Heimbecker

Allentown EAC on August 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Jennifer Helton

Oh, when did that come out?

Chad Heimbecker

It's in the email chain. I'm not sure I know that I'm part of it from....

Dru Germanoski

I have it on my calendar. From the from an email.

Chad Heimbecker

They still haven't sent a link out, but as soon as they do that, I can forward that to the campaign. What time is it that was pm on August 23 and it was the Allentown member, Lauren from the Allentown EAC, and she's coordinated this as the best time for all different group.

Dru Germanoski

And I thought she sent that email to our whole email string.

Chad Heimbecker

It was just the people that she had our contact, okay? And you and myself.

Dru Germanoski

You should try whoever gets to it first. Let's forward that to the rest of us.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

That would be really exciting. Yeah, Jennifer, there was a Durham, one of the EAC's reached out to you at Cooks Creek.

Jennifer Helton

Yeah, it was the Durham one, and I haven't reached out to him yet, but that's nice.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Yes, the point. Yeah, exactly.

Russell Sutton

We did a lot of teaching about the landfill, yeah? So, we go citizens responsible development. We really touched base with a lot of people, and a lot of people are not aware?

Jennifer Helton

Excellent.

Dru Germanoski

Okay, next item, please.

Allan Johnson

Dru, I want to say one more thing about what I learned. You know, doing all this research, a lot of people are interested, and there's a lot of Legends. About what happened at the Friedensville zinc mine when the Saucon Creek went dry. So, in the in the Saucon Creek watershed report, you know that I'm telling you about is in the on the website, you know, LVPC's website, the Saucon Creek study that was done back in 1991 I guess they give a whole history of what happened with the water from the Friedensville zinc mine and the Saucon Creek. So, if anybody's interested...

Dru Germanoski

And where's that information Allan?

Allan Johnson

It's in the 1991 Saucon Creek watershed ordinance report, on the website, it's in there.

D. Tire Recycling Program September 14, 2024 (KPM)

Dru Germanoski

You're on deck Kathy to talk about the waste management Lower Saucon Township EAC tire recycling, which we have the flyer. And I guess right through today there has been information exchange and so forth. So, if you want to share with us what we need to know.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Carol was wonderful because my flyer didn't look anything like this flyer, which looks way prettier. Thank you. Lower Saucon Township Council. Thank you to Hellertown Borough. They were going to give \$150 for incentive. I do need help, please. We need someone for traffic. I'm going to be there. My husband's going to be there. The company is coming. They have a truck. They have two people. I don't know. I know never done it, so I certainly hope it's going to be very successful. I saw that we've already posted it from Lower Saucon, and I saw how our Hellertown posted. So, I'm excited. I hope it I hope it works, and if it does, and we can make it an annual thing, we also have to keep tabs, I learned today for the free tires, where, where do you live? You live in Howard town or Stockton Township, so they have to show you a driver's license. And I'm just going to go by the honor system. I'm not going to sit here with a with a map or, you know, I if you tell me you live in Hellertown, you live in Hellertown, if you tell me you live in Lower Saucon Township. For some like, my address, my license is Hellertown, but I'm Lower Saucon Township.

Russell Sutton

I'm Lower Saucon in the shows Bethlehem.

Dru Germanoski

That is a real problem.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

It is. I can, I suppose if I wanted to, I could probably ask for an alphabetized list of residents from both when I think to myself, that's a bit much.

Dru Germanoski

That will create a bottleneck.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

How thorough should I be, you know? Like, do I? I was going to ask to see your license and ask you if you are LST or HB that's as far as I was going to go.

Laura Ray

Some people actually don't even know which is, well, scary. They don't.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

If you as the group say I should have alphabetized resident list.

Laura Ray

For the most part. I mean...

Allan Johnson

Tell them to bring a tax receipt.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I'm thinking to myself, what if I, you know, I mean, I'm really pushing the limits here, but what if I rent a house in Hellertown? I rent the house or Hellertown so I'm not on the residents list, I don't want to get that far into the into the weed?

Russell Sutton

No, that's right.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

So, I hope I have this problem. I hope I have a bottleneck. And there's so many people.

Dru Germanoski

The positive way of thinking about this, too, in my opinion, is so if someone is from outside of our township and they bring tires, those tires are liable to end up on the roads in our township anyway, because if someone, if someone comes here with tires, and you turn them away, those tires are not going home. That experience tells me they're going to find one little quiet stretch of some road around here, and tires are going to end up. So, we're solving a good problem and avoiding creating a new one.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

To be very frank, I don't care personally if you're from Quakertown, but it is this, you know, the townships are giving us an incentive for the first 30 that's the issue.

Chad Heimbecker

So, what's the easiest way for you to decide if this person is a resident or not just by if it says Hellertown, if it says 18055?

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Mine says 18055.

Chad Heimbecker

I understand.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I'm just gonna ask.

Chad Heimbecker

Okay, and is this first 30 car tires for each so, 30 Hellertown and 30 Lower Saucon?

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Correct.

Chad Heimbecker

And then what if somebody shows up with 30 tires?

Laura Ray

One coupon per vehicle. We weren't going to give multiple.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I wasn't getting the coupons; I don't know how you want to do that. My thought was, if you bring in 30 tires, I'm happy to take your 30 tires.

Laura Ray

But I don't think we were going to give one car all the 30 coupons, right?

Chad Heimbecker

I think one vehicle they would get.

Laura Ray

I don't think anybody's gonna come with 30 tires, but you never know.

Chad Heimbecker

One free tire per vehicle for the first 30 vehicles, first 60 vehicles.

Laura Ray

Well, that are different. First 60 are all right, Lower Saucon Township well, then soon, no.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

We're all saying the same thing, and I appreciate it. Let me just start there. This was an incentive, right? I could get rid of my tires, and townships going to pay for that's the whole point. I'd rather have your tires and draw them to tell from there, you know, I was going to ask you if you're a Lower Saucon or Hellertown resident, right? I have two tires. I'm okay with that. Personally, I'm okay with that. I have 10 tires, you know, then if we want to get into the well, here's a coupon. I'll give you two free tires. Like, I don't want to get into an argument. I wanted to be, first of all, it'd be well attended. But second of all, I wanted to be a positive experience. So again, like, I don't know how far down into the weeds to go, and I'm just talking out loud, you show up with five tires. Do I say to you, when you say to me, well says the first 30 car tires.

Laura Ray

Yeah, well, I wouldn't have one to worded it like that.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Or do I say, well, you know, you brought in five, you know, we'll let you give three for free. Or you know, do I really want to get that far down.

Allan Johnson

My suggestion would be, have a policeman.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Then I would imagine we would have to pay.

Carol Schneider

That's staff. You said that from the get go, it was just volunteers that's the way I presented it to everybody.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

If you're going to get mad, I'll pay for five bucks.

Chad Heimbecker

I think it should be one per vehicle, which would be the fairest for everybody who shows up.

Dru Germanoski

One or two per vehicle, something like that. Because if you want it to be a positive experience, and some and someone shows up with a truck load of tires, it could happen right everyone in line behind them are like, what that person got all theirs in for free, and I got nothing right. You know, I would, I would dole them out in some defensively sensible way.

Carol Schneider

One other thing, can I just say you're talking about taxpayer money that was donated from the borough and taxpayer money that was donated from the township. So, you do want to have some kind of a list to make it fair that 30 people from the borough versus 30 people from the township are able to give a tire.

Laura Ray

I mean, so the person verifying the license should be pretty familiar with addresses. I mean, I know a lot of them, but, I mean, we have we have Reiglesville addresses which are Lower Saucon, so you kind of just have to know what a lot of the roads are.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Yeah, that's fine. That's fine.

Laura Ray

I think one per person, though, for each I think so, yeah, municipality.

Russell Sutton

It's a start, you know where it goes from here.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I'll keep a tally anyway.

Laura Ray

I mean, I guess if we get to 11:45 and we have 20 coupons left on, maybe the last people have them all.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I have to have a list for the township and for the borough. I have to have a list. So I, you know, this is where the money went, right, and then for her, the woman that's running on, you know, this is how many tires we collected at the end. So, they know how much is it your truck? So, I have to do that anyway.

Dru Germanoski

You might get an estimate. Just look at how many vehicles are there to get an idea of, oh, man, there's only five cars, or there's, you know, better go one per person per vehicle would be sensible. I would make a call on the fly of that sort to decide. But I wouldn't take the very first 30 tires, no matter where they came from, because there is a chance...

Russell Sutton

There should be a sign right up there, so there's no confusion.

Chad Heimbecker

Now, if you can show that you gave the rebate to 30 different residents, I think that goes a lot further.

Carol Schneider

Cathy, what I can do is I can get you a list of addresses that'll be helpful with streets, and then you'll be able to see, if you don't recognize the address, you can page through. But as far as a borough, maybe Cathy can do the same for you too.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I'm going to make that assumption make, if it on the list under Hellertown.

Carol Schneider

You can do that too.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I want to be mindful everybody's time too. If I brought tires, you know, and I'm just again talking out loud, if I bring tires up and I'm waiting in line for 45 minutes, I'm not gonna be very happy, you know, you want to keep it.

Janine Bonham

We're gonna make an adjustment on the flyer.

Carol Schneider

Just let me know, because I put the flyer out, I have it spread out every couple days already.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

So, what do we have? About two tire limit per car.

Chad Heimbecker

One per vehicle.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

One per vehicle?

Russell Sutton

Because more people will be able to people will say one free tire. Yeah, one free tire per vehicle.

Chad Heimbecker

One free tire per vehicle, for the first 30 residents from and from, yeah.

Dru Germanoski

And does anyone know this is just a fun exercise because we don't know. But what do we anticipate? Do we anticipate 30 vehicles from each of these places?

Chad Heimbecker

Did this person give you any guidance on the last time they've done a collection event, how many vehicles or tires they collected?

Kathy Pichel McGovern

She said it varies. They're from Jersey. So, they she said, it just varies.

Chad Heimbecker

Varies what?

Kathy Pichel McGovern

So, I didn't ask specific, okay. She just said, you know some are...

Chad Heimbecker

12 to 5000? It varies.

Dru Germanoski

If you're back in touch with her again, it might be worthwhile to simply ask how much variability with you know, just to get some guidance. Okay, we'll assume you're going to work that out.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I will work it out, Carol and I are working on it.

Dru Germanoski

Especially now that you're a voting member. I mean, what motivation do you need? After Council. Do you need help for this?

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Just in general, like, right? Because Carol said, you know, you have to direct people. Make sure they're going to come up through the basketball court, come down. I'm going to have her park right

here, where we're parking right now, Seidersville Hall, drop off your tires, go on through and go out the box.

Carol Schneider

If you turn the flyer around.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

That's one thing I need help for.

Jennifer Helton

But they're not up at the building. They're in the lower lot.

Carol Schneider

It's the opposite direction.

Chad Heimbecker

It goes through the back.

Carol Schneider

This has nothing to do with Public Works building.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I gotta write it down. You know, your name and your address. You know, because I have to be able to show both.

Russell Sutton

Do you want me to bring traffic cones?

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Sure.

Jennifer Helton

Is Hellertown, providing volunteers.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I didn't ask.

Carol Schneider

I asked Public Works them in an email today. You were on the email, I asked Roger to provide some cones and orange vests as well.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I didn't ask, how our Hellertown for I mean, I can, I just didn't get that far.

Chad Heimbecker

I assume we all have all that stuff for the environment.

Carol Schneider

Adopt the road?

Chad Heimbecker

No, the electronics event.

Carol Schneider

The vests (from the Adopt-A-Road program) Yeah, okay. But because staff this is going to be here, I had to make sure that she was prepared (Kathy).

Dru Germanoski

Someone asked Hellertown for some volunteers.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I have to reach out to her. Anyway. We discussed tonight. I have to tell her that we decided, one car, one free car, one free tire per car. So, Hellertown knows, and then I can ask her.

Carol Schneider

I'll revise that (the flyer). Thank you one for one free tire per resident. And then I'll send that to Cathy directly so that she can put it on her website, and I'll replace it throughout where I posted.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Thank you very much. Cathy Hartnraft, Cathy Gorman and Kathy Pichel McGovern. I will take care.

E. Volunteer Sign-up Sheet Fall Clean Earth Recycling on September 28, 2024 (CH)

Dru Germanoski

Okay, Chad, your item is next on the agenda. Volunteer sign-up sheet for fall Clean Earth, recycling on September 28th.

Chad Heimbecker

Jennifer and Russ, so far, one in the morning, one of the later section. I still need another one to two people.

Janine Bonham

I can do that day. I don't have a game.

Chad Heimbecker

My problem is that I did get my son's soccer schedule, and he does have a game in Parkland, so I have to figure out what I can do.

Dru Germanoski

I will be out of town that weekend.

Chad Heimbecker

I made a commitment to this beforehand, maybe I can try to get him dropped off, and then I'll be here first, and then leave at 10, maybe, or 10:30 to get to the game. I might be able to do that. I can probably stay so all day, if anything, I would probably take the earlier time, and then I would I would be gone, so I'll probably be in the morning.

Janine Bonham

I can do both shifts if I need okay, because I know I can't do a day. October 5th. And I can't do the 14th.

Chad Heimbecker

Well, put yourself down for the afternoon. Then though, or not the afternoon, but the second half, and I'll do the other morning.

Janine Bonham

You don't want me all day?

Chad Heimbecker

You don't have to be here all day. No, just do the back half.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I have to let you know.

Chad Heimbecker

I think that's going to be what I end up having to do.

Jennifer Helton

And I can always rope in a husband.

F. Determine Date for Fall Adopt-A-Road Cleanup (KPM)

Dru Germanoski

Okay, then Cathy, you're back on the table. You have the main item here, determine a date for fall Adopt the road cleanup. We want to address that now or September?

Kathy Pichel McGovern

That's the only thing I didn't print off. The dates are from, oh, September 6th to November 18th. Why don't we postpone that?

Dru Germanoski

September. Let's wait till September to discuss it.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

I already know October 5th is that EAC network, because I know I'm wedding.

Dru Germanoski

Let's, yeah, let's talk about this in September.

G. Bethlehem Landfill Fall Clean Up for Residents on October 5, 2024

Dru Germanoski

Okay, the Bethlehem Landfill fall clean-up for residents is on October 5th. I off the record or on the record. I don't care, but I wish we could have them clean up the air. I don't know what those of us living in that part of the township are, but I Kathy and I live very close to one another. We're smelling that landfill daily.

Janine Bonham

It is daily.

Dru Germanoski

Every day.

Russell Sutton

We bought magnets that we have for the DEP for people, for the refrigerators with the phone number on it.

Dru Germanoski

Does anyone have that phone number right now available?

Janine Bonham

I use the online DEP form, because it just auto fills everything and Okay, faster that way.

Dru Germanoski

What web, just, DEP, just, so I can find my way there, because I need to start reporting.

Laura Ray

I'll give you the number. It's 866-255-5158 and then number 2.

Dru Germanoski

Number 2.

Laura Ray

Then yeah, when they start telling you whatever they say.

Janine Bonham

If you just Google, like, you know, Pennsylvania DEP, it pops up the top, at the top. And if you go to environmental complaints. And then once you click there it you have to scroll down a little bit. It just has a place where it says, Submit online. So, every time I mean, I'm okay, I log almost daily because it's yes, it's a lot, yeah, it looks like this. Like, submit online.

Dru Germanoski

I'll find my way through that. Any of us who are in that smell zone, I encourage us to report all the time. I feel remiss that I haven't been but since we got back from vacation for four days, three today, I haven't been home yet since I left in the morning. But three of the four days, we've had very strong odor.

Russell Sutton

And I'm still fighting the vultures.

Janine Bonham

The vultures are ever present, always hanging.

Russell Sutton

I'm getting the permit to hunt.

Chad Heimbecker

Are they doing something different in the past two years.

Dru Germanoski

There's no question it's landfill.

Russell Sutton

Because there's no trees in the landfill, they tore them all down.

Chad Heimbecker

I don't know, I've been here 17 years I've been here almost I haven't smelled it until maybe about six months ago. Where we are, it's a new thing. As they expanded and have gone up.

Russell Sutton

Well, the sewage plant doesn't help either, but I never seen...

Chad Heimbecker

Yeah, but those are two different odors.

Dru Germanoski

Yeah, they're different odors.

Russell Sutton

But I never saw a sewage plant reek as much as that one does.

Allan Johnson

That's because it's overloaded.

Dru Germanoski

Oh, yeah. I wonder about the whether it's scaled up technologically to handle the volume they do.

Russell Sutton

Look at all the increase of people.

Allan Johnson

They don't have any space.

Russell Sutton

And they're and they're confined. They can't expand. They're surrounded by the Saucon Creek.

H. WeConservePA - EAC Fall Gathering Saturday, October 5, 2024, \$75.00 fee (JH)

Dru Germanoski

Yeah. Okay. Item H, this comes to you. Jennifer, WeConservePA EAC, fall gathering,

Jennifer Helton

Yeah, I checked them, and they don't open registration till mid-August, and it's not, it's not online yet, so I'll check back.

Dru Germanoski

Well, have it on the September meeting still ahead of us for further discussion.

I. Plastic Bag Ban

Dru Germanoski

Well, we have the September meeting still ahead of us for further discussion. Okay, and then plastic bag ban, and we discussed this at the last meeting. Did anybody do any follow through? Do we have anything to discuss?

Jennifer Helton

Well, we're supposed to get an email from her with the link. It's in the minutes, and so I don't know the lady that came and spoke the resident.

Laura Ray

I did talk to, and I can't think of her name.

Jennifer Helton

But the resident was, I don't know how you say your name.

Laura Ray

I don't know how you say her name. She's emailed me a couple times. And also, the guy that was here a couple years ago saw the article that the newspaper ran about it. They picked it up. I can't remember his name. It's not a local resident. It's a guy that works with Penn environment who saw the article, and then he emailed me, because we had him here a couple years ago. So that's like, his thing, helping people put together plans to do this. I need to catch up with him.

Jennifer Helton

Can you share his name?

Laura Ray

Yes.

Jennifer Helton

Because I know in the minutes, there is a PA site that helps municipalities how to get...

Laura Ray

Yeah, they have, like, model ordinances.

Jennifer Helton

Well, if we can get the link, because I went up and I found plastic PA, yeah, but that's not a government site. It's informative, but they're a nonprofit. So, I thought maybe we could get that, we could start kind of doing some research.

Laura Ray

Yes.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

But to back up a second, I skimmed the meeting minutes, but I recall and you were going to talk to someone from Hellertown, because it had to be a joint effort, because it was going to be giant.

Laura Ray

Well, it doesn't have to be, but it there. They were already talking about it anyway, so it makes sense to try to coordinate so we're not coming up with different ideas of we're going to do it this way in Hellertown, and it's going to be a little different in Lower Saucon. We would want to come up with the same game plan.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

We would have.

Laura Ray

Yeah, I did reach out to Hellertown.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Is that something that we would have like a subcommittee for?

Laura Ray

Probably because it'll be a lot of research and looking up stuff.

Jennifer Helton

Yeah, we would want to have a subcommittee.

Laura Ray

Rather than, you know, we don't want to sit here for now.

Russell Sutton

I don't know if everybody's aware this Thursday is the hearing in Northampton County against the dump for anything is it on Thursday? Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Northampton County Courthouse, room 10, for the easements. And this is the big one, because all the attorneys from the local Bethlehem Township, St Luke's, we're all going to be there. We need everybody. We could have there for support, because if nobody shows up, it's going to look for on our part. So, we're trying to get as many people there as we can. But this is the big one for the easement, because if they. The easement is approved, then they can't move.

Dru Germanoski

Okay, maybe I would ask you to share with all of us via email where this location time is. Yeah, Northampton County courthouse in Easton.

Russell Sutton

Yeah, and courtroom 10 at 9:00 a.m. It's really important. Spread it around. Courtroom room, 10, courtroom 10. Thank you.

Dru Germanoski

Okay, so let me try to see where we are again. Here I got caught up with forwarding something to all of you, so I'm a little bit out of whack. Okay, so then we should, with respect to plastic bag ban, we're going to try to get more information.

Dru Germanoski

Okay, what I'm about to do in one second, once I get Chad here and okay, the we had this conversation about next Thursday, Lauren House was the young woman's name from Allentown EAC. I just dug out that email from her telling us that this is going to be scheduled for next Thursday. So, I'm just going to forward that email to all of you so you can get on email her to find out, to get the link for the zoom, and if you want to can participate, you'll have the contact now.

**VII. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
A. Review and Approval of July 9, 2024 Minutes**

Dru Germanoski

Okay, the next order of business at this stage of the game is review and approval of the July 9 minutes. I am sure that no one wants to stay here until midnight doing that. So, I did send an email around to everyone earlier. I don't know how many pages I sent you, Carol, but there was about four pages or five pages I went through. So, we can evaluate the minutes on page one certainly, because a lot of that was Lauren House. So, if anybody had anything there, let's do that and tell Carol I didn't find anything on that page to save us all time, I would say we probably should and could skip reviewing today individually. Pages 2 through 10, because that those pages included me speaking, giving my presentation. So, I went through that carefully and created a document, a Word document that I emailed to Carol with all the corrections then the other issue was open space. Once again, that was me on page 10, so I went through that likewise, made a change for Carol. So, for the sake of simplicity, I suggest we go to page 11 and then go through anybody and raise attention to Carol. Of any things we caught on pages 11 through the rest of the minutes. On page 11, I think line 36 properly should be probably that's all I had on that page. Anybody who has anything going forward, page 11 onward. Let's just speak up.

Allan Johnson

I marked it up and I'm going to give to Carol. Okay, very good. I think that's the best way for us to go when we do that, and so we're not live reliving that entire meeting tonight. I only looked at my own.

Dru Germanoski

On page 12, line 11, I think we can scratch the words, it'll pop, and then these little typos.

Chad Heimbecker

It's not verbatim to what I said, where I read it, but I'm not bothered by it.

Dru Germanoski

Any of that, then we're fine with, yeah, not gonna change any. I mean, really, again, substantive things that we normally focus on. But basically, then, if Allan, if you had your comments to Carol, as I did, I think that's good. And if anybody, I think our natural tendency is to look at our own statements. It's very useful to have the minutes. I applaud you for having the minutes done with our names as the speakers, because then it allows us to direct our attention, because we all know what we said, we may

not remember exactly what someone else said. So are there any other comments that people want to share with Carol tonight. Thanks, Allan, for doing that in writing, and I'll try not to speak as much, because I learned my lesson after that presentation, it took me hours to type up the document that I created. I mean hours, and I don't mean two.

Chad Heimbecker

Yes, definitely.

Dru Germanoski

I always like to talk. I just don't like to review what I said.

Allan Johnson

When are we going to see corrected ones, Carol? I mean, where, where will they be up on the website? Or are you going to print them out.

Jennifer Helton

We have to approve them.

Carol Schneider

It depends how you make enough put your motion, if you're going to put the motion as though you're going to approve with corrections, then I would correct tomorrow and put on the website.

Dru Germanoski

And that's what we always do. So, I move that we accept the minutes as corrected by any correspondence of corrections to Carol occurring tonight or at this meeting.

Laura Ray

Yeah, okay.

Dru Germanoski

All in favor, aye. Okay, that brings us to adjournment.

Laura Ray

I have a question, I'm sorry, did we have a last batch? Though? Remember, we had that batch with a million, yeah, changes, what? Where did those go?

Carol Schneider

All the corrections were done and it was put on the website.

Laura Ray

I think we just got tired. It was late. I just didn't know if we actually approved them.

VIII.

ADJOURNMENT

Dru Germanoski

A motion to adjourn.

Kathy Pichel McGovern

Second, all in favor.

MOTION BY: Dru moved for adjournment. The time was 8:16 p.m.

SECOND BY: Jennifer, 4-0-3 (Cheyenne Reiman, Tom Carocci & Ann Spirk - Absent)

Next EAC Meeting: September 10, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.