

**I. OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:05 PM, at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Sandra Yerger, Chairman, presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Members:** Sandra Yerger, Chairman; Laura Ray, Ted Beardsley, Allan Johnson, Haz Hijazi, Dru Germanoski. **Absent:** Tom Maxfield. **Associate Members:** Thomas Carocci, Michael Boyle, Sarah Stanlick & David Jauregui; **Absent:** Glenn Kaye. **Hellertown Liaison:** Absent: Terry Boos. **Staff:** Diane Palik

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The EAC did not meet in Executive Session.

**II. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE**

**A. PROPERTY UPDATES**

**1. Dravecz Parcel – Apple Street**

Mr. Beardsley said Mrs. Yerger was going to ask Chris Garges about the acreage. Mrs. Yerger said she did ask him and he thought it was the same, but she will remind him again. She said Mr. Garges said the lot lines are correct. Mr. Beardsley said he needs more direction and he thinks we need to talk to Parks & Recreation to see if they are interested in doing anything there. Mrs. Yerger said she will speak to Leslie and see if we want to approach Parks & Recreation to see if they are interested. Mr. Beardsley said if they are, he would go out and speak to Mrs. Dravecz again along with a Parks & Recreation member.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MS4 UPDATES** – No updates.

**B. OPEN SPACE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**

Mr. Carocci said Ms. Stanlick, Mr. Germanoski, Mr. Jauregui and himself worked on a flyer for land preservation and open space in Lower Saucon Township for the open space referendum on November 8, 2016. Mrs. Yerger said this is just for our education as a board. We will not be advocating this. This is just so we are aware of it.

Mr. Carocci said there is a Facebook site where residents can upload a copy of the flyer. It's called Lower Saucon Citizens for Open Space. Mr. Carocci, along with some other EAC members said they will be passing the flyers out, as residents. The EAC made some changes on the brochure and Ms. Stanlick said she will prepare it and it should be finalized by Friday. Mr. Boyle said he will make copies of the brochure.

Mrs. Yerger said as part of the question being asked on the ballot regards Polk Valley Park. That was purchased before we had any EIT in the Township, so that's why they floated a loan and it was a substantial loan for that park. Mr. Carocci said with the presidential election, there will a lot more people coming to vote. He asked can we put it on the ballot next year if it doesn't pass. Mrs. Yerger said it's part of the state enactment and she doesn't think you can. You have to wait. She said Williams Township lost last year by four votes and they had passed it two times before.

Mr. Carocci said it's very important to talk to your neighbors and friends. They will pass the flyers out at polling places and see if they can get some people to help them.

Mrs. Yerger said we have crunched the numbers on what it would potentially save the Township by paying off the loan for Polk Valley Park. A lot of people use it and don't want it to go away. It will save them minimally \$200,000.00 in interest alone by clearing that off. The Dog Park is also so popular.

Mr. Beardsley said we need to get a list of people who got conservation easements and give them a couple dozen flyers to hand out as they benefitted from the conservation easements.

Mr. Carocci said everyone should let him know how many copies everyone handed out so he can keep count of them. Mrs. Yerger said we could say because of this, we garnered how many million dollars from DCNR as well as the state and the county. Woodland Hills we got close to \$1 million in funding for that piece of land. She will try to get dollar figures from Cathy Gorman.

**C. DISCUSSION ON LATEX BASED PAINT EVENT AT LST FOR 2017**

Mrs. Palik said Northampton County is looking for places to have the latex based paint event for 2017. Mrs. Yerger said do we want to have this? Mr. Carocci said he helped at the last one and it was very successful. Mr. Hijazi said anytime we can have a recycling event, we should do it. Ms. Palik said she will get some information from FreeCycle and AERC.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Hijazi moved to recommend to Council that the EAC would like to host a 2017 Latex-Based Paint event at the Township, per the email from Kenneth Zinis from Northampton County asking for collection sites. Lower Saucon Township participated in 2015 and it was a very successful event.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Beardsley

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Absent: Mr. Maxfield)

**IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS**

**A. HENIG MINOR #MIN 02-16**

Mrs. Yerger said this is a subdivision plan on Kistler Avenue. It was never recorded as two separate lots, now they want to record it as two separate lots. The EAC had no comments as there were no environmental impacts.

**V. UPDATES/REPORTS**

**A. TERRY BOOS REPORT – HELLERTOWN REPRESENTATIVE – Absent**

**B. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT – OCTOBER 8, 2016 – 8:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. – Mrs. Yerger said this is at Northampton County and it's well attended.**

**C. ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEAN-UP – OCTOBER 22, 2016 @ 9:00 P.M. – Mrs. Palik said Terry Boos will pick up the supplies. Michael Boyle offered to help.**

**D. GOT DRUGS PROGRAM – OCTOBER 22, 2016 – 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. – LST POLICE DEPARTMENT – Mrs. Yerger said drugs is the number one pollutant in our waters today and our sewage systems are not equipped to extract them.**

**E. SAUCON HARVEST FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 29, 2016 – 11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. – Mrs. Yerger said this is at Dimmick Park.**

**VI. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 MINUTES – Mr. Germanoski had some corrections.**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Germanoski moved for approval of the September 13, 2016 minutes, with corrections.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Johnson

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Absent – Mr. Maxfield)

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Hijazi moved for adjournment. The time was 7:53 p.m.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Beardsley

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Absent – Mr. Maxfield)