

I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Sandra Yerger, Chairman, presiding.

ROLL CALL: Members: Sandra Yerger, Chairman; Hazem Hijazi, Vice Chairman; Laura Ray, Ted Beardsley, Dru Germanoski, Allan Johnson. **Absent:** Sarah Stanlick. **Associate Members:** Michael Boyle, Thomas Carocci & Glenn Kaye. **Absent:** Jordan Davco & David Jauregui. **Hellertown Liaison:** Absent: Terry Boos. **Staff:** Diane Palik. **Jr. Council EAC Member:** Brynn Bambu

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – No Executive Session.

II. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE

A. PROPERTY UPDATES

1. PROPRTY NO. 2016-3

Mr. Beardsley said the Open Space Sub-Committee went to look at this property and the property didn't score high enough to recommend to Council. The Township should write a letter telling the property owner that the Township is declining acquisition of this property. It only scored 15 out of 30.

MOTION BY: Ted Beardsley moved to recommend to Council that the Township decline acquisition of Property No. 2016-3 as it didn't score high enough to recommend. The Township should write a letter to the property owner telling them we are not interested in the property.

SECOND BY: Laura Ray

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent – Sarah Stanlick)

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. HABITAT RESTORE STUFF THE TRUCK EVENT

Alli Ingram from Habitat Lehigh Valley was present to discuss the "Stuff the Truck Event". They raise money for the Habitat with this event. Local residents bring their unwanted reusable goods to them. They then sell these items to the public. She has a list of accepted and unaccepted donations. These items they collect will then not go into a landfill. They do not need any volunteers nor do they need Public Works to be present that day. They go to a lot of municipalities and colleges to do this event. She will send specifics to Diane Palik and Diane will put it on their Facebook page. The EAC picked September 9, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

MOTION BY: Dru Germanoski moved to recommend to Council that the Township hold a "Stuff the Truck Event" at the Township on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the parking lot. The LV Habitat will not need any volunteers to help with this event nor will it need the Public Works Department to open any buildings.

SECOND BY: Laura Ray

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent – Sarah Stanlick)

B. MS4 UPDATES

Mrs. Yerger said HEA is about 90% done with the mapping. There are just a few culverts left to complete. The reason for the delay is that they need to do similar mapping for Fountain Hill Borough. They are under a general permit for MS4, and as such, their Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) will be due before LST's. After attending a recent seminar put on through the center for Watershed Protection, they realized it was critical to address Fountain Hill Borough's mapping and PRP to meet the upcoming deadline. They will return shortly to the Township's mapping and PRP development.

C. DISCUSSION ON NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

Mrs. Yerger said Ely Brown, Boy Scout is taking care of the Native Plant Garden. He wanted to know if they could add more plants and there is a big space that is empty. The last meeting the EAC seemed to agreed just to let the dominate species take over, and Ely would agree with one exception, and that is Mountain Laurel. He thinks a PA native garden should at least have our state flower in it. The EAC had no problem with this request for the Boy Scout to go out and purchase

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Mountain Laurel, with Ely first bringing estimates for the Mountain Laurel to the Township for approval.

MOTION BY: Hazem Hijazi moved to recommend to Council that they allow Ely Brown, the Boy Scout taking care of the Native Plant Garden, permission to plant Mountain Laurel in the Native Plant Garden, which is our State Flower. Ely should submit estimates for the Mountain Laurel, not to exceed a price recommended by Council, and then go out and purchase the Mountain Laurel and plant it in the garden.

SECOND BY: Sandra Yerger

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent – Sarah Stanlick)

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. MEADOW’S GROVE LAND DEVELOPMENT – REVISED SUBMISSION – 1770 MEADOWS ROAD

Mrs. Yerger said this is the Meadows, the banquet hall. Mr. Beardsley said he thinks they want to be a restaurant. Mrs. Yerger said this has been dating back to 2011 when they submitted a plan and this is a revised plan. We didn’t get any information from our Zoning Officer which makes this a little murky for us. The notes say they are not going to be expanding anything. She doesn’t know what the revisions are as she doesn’t know what the old plan looked like. They got a lot of variances in 2011 approved by the ZHB. Mr. Beardsley said they built decks and agreed to take them down. Mrs. Yerger said it doesn’t tell us exactly what they are doing. It’s going before Planning at the end of the month. Mrs. Yerger said we could recommend and do a blanket motion if this is going to increase the impervious coverage in the flood plain that we would not be in favor of it, but this isn’t explained enough for us. Mr. Hijazi said do we have time to comment on this? Mrs. Yerger said no, we will just have to pass on it. We need to make sure before anything happens again like this, we need to have the information, so this is pretty useless. Mr. Carocci said let Council know and make them aware of our disappointment and we would have liked to weigh in on this developer item and ask for permission to weigh on it next month with the necessary information. The EAC had no comments as they weren’t provided enough information from the Zoning Department.

MOTION BY: Mr. Hijazi moved to recommend to direct the Manager to address the issue with the Zoning Officer, that when a Developer Item is put on the EAC agenda, we need more information from the Zoning Officer before it is given to the EAC for recommendations. For the Meadows Grove Land Development item, the EAC didn’t have enough information to give any comments. Also, let Council know of our disappointment in this and request that the EAC be allowed to weigh in on this Developer item at the next EAC meeting with information that is necessary.

SECOND BY: Dru Germanoski

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent – Sarah Stanlick)

V. UPDATES/REPORTS

A. TERRY BOOS – HELLERTOWN REPRESENTATIVE - Absent

B. REPORT ON EAC’S ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEANUP EVENT HELD ON APRIL 22, 2017 -
Mrs. Yerger said we cleaned up our road and had 4 half bags of trash. Six members helped with this event.

C. NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT – MAY 20, 2017 – 8:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. - Mrs. Yerger said this is a popular event, and it’s coming up on May 20th.

D. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATE PICNIC – JUNE 12, 2017 – 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. - Mrs. Yerger said please let Diane know if you will be going to the picnic and this year you can bring a significant other.

VI. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 11, 2017 MINUTES

MOTION BY: Ms. Laura Ray moved for approval of the April 11, 2017 minutes, with one correction.

SECOND BY: Mr. Germanoski

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent – Sarah Stanlick)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mr. Hijazi moved for adjournment. The time was 7:42 p.m.

SECOND BY: Mr. Beardsley

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Absent – Sarah Stanlick)

Sandra Yerger, Chair