

I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Sandra Yerger, Chairman, presiding.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – No Executive Session.

II. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE

A. PROPERTY UPDATES

Mr. Beardsley said Mrs. Dravec wants to sell her property and maybe put a conversation on it. The Township wants to meet with her and the Township attorney and he's trying to arrange that.

Mr. Beardsley said Council wanted more information on Property No. 2017-1 (PO 2017-1). Mrs. Yerger said they need to know where the buildings were as that will affect the building envelope, what's going to be adjacent to what, and moving forward as the conservation easement. We need to have our consultant talk to them about the building envelope before it can get appraised.

PO 2017-1 said there are four lots for conservation easement before the Council. He's very familiar with the properties. PO 2017-1 said the Townsend-Savitske property is about 15+ acres of land that the Township purchased and borders Polk Valley Road, across the street is the SVHS property.

PO 2017-1 said No. 2017-5, 6 and 7 all border and all front on to Reservoir Road. Property 2017-7 is approximately 11 acres consisting of a farmhouse, a separate garage and a barn. It's mostly open space, farmland and meadowland. He would estimate the amount of wetlands is probably 2.5 to 3 acres.

PO 2017-1 said No. 2017-5 consists of a small Cape Cod house and adjacent detached garage. The property is a little over 4 acres in size, with about 2.5 acres open, the rest is forest and wetlands.

PO 2017-1 said No. 2017-6 is a little over 8 acres with about 3 acres of woods and the balance is open space which the pole barn is located. That would be developable and there's enough acreage to subdivide.

PO 2017-1 said he owns 27+ acres in his lot and there is 20 acres in woodlands that adjoin the Hellertown Borough Authority Reservoir and then about 7 acres total is open space and presumably developable. The four tracts and the benefits of those are adjacent to the township-owned land as well as adjacency to the watershed.

Mrs. Yerger said the next step is to sit down with your family and map out their building envelopes. Then we can send a surveyor in and give you an estimate on what these are worth. Mrs. Yerger said the Open Space Committee needs to score the other three properties and then come back and let us know. Mrs. Yerger said they will move forward with PO 2017-1. We can take it to Council for approval on December 20th.

MOTION BY: Mr. Beardsley moved to recommend to Council for Property No. 2017-1 to be considered for a conservation easement.

SECOND BY: Mr. Germanoski

ROLL CALL: 6-1 (Absent – Haz Hijazi)

Mr. Beardsley said regarding Property No. 2017-3, they are at the point where they are trying to get Laura and figure out what the building envelope is. Mr. Beardsley can show Laura the property since it gets dark out so early and then just meet in the evening. PO 2017-1 said if you want him to be there, he is happy to do that if they would have questions.

Mr. Johnson said Mrs. Dravec asked to sell her property. There are a lot of different scenarios. Mr. Beardsley will meet with Mrs. Dravec and the Township solicitor.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. MS4 UPDATES

1. DISCUSSION ON EARTH WEEK FOR MS4 COMPLIANCE

Mrs. Sarah Stanlick said she's been working on MS4 compliance. She has storm water management education plan. It's a three prong plan; social media reach, print media outreach partnerships with SV School District. She would work with Ben Szydlow on the Earth Week assembly at the SVSD, and work with Lehigh's education to find a graduate student and find someone to do an augmented reality. Mr. Germanoski said he could find someone from Lafayette to also help. Mrs. Stanlick said that would be a good partnership. Mrs. Stanlick said they could have it finished by May. Ben said he would be able to help out with whatever Mrs. Stanlick needs. Mrs. Yerger said this is a huge topic everywhere.

B. DISCUSSION ON EAC MEMBER POSITION

Ms. Laura Ray said she will not be available on Tuesday's until July or August. She would like to become a non-voting member. Mrs. Yerger said we need another Associate member as Jordan is leaving. They must be a resident of the Township.

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None

V. UPDATES/REPORTS

A. TERRY BOOS – HELLERTOWN REPRESENTATIVE - Terry said in 2018 SV Farmer's Market will be at Water Street Park. The bridge replacement is going to happen in the summer of 2019. Regarding the MS4 compliance in the kiosks at the SV Farmer's Market, he will speak to the Borough Public Works.

VI. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14, 2017 MINUTES

Mr. Johnson had one correction on page 2, line 44, change "Lower Saucon Road" to Martins Lane.

MOTION BY: Mr. Johnson moved for approval of November 14, 2017 minutes, with correction.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Stanlick

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Haz Hijazi – Absent)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Yerger said they discussed the property up on Martin's Lane where they are getting money from the Federal Highlands. It isn't the funding that's delayed, it's the paperwork. It will be happening in January-February at the latest.

Ms. Ray said she does the EAC website and needs some help. Ben Szydlow said he would help Ms. Ray. Ms. Ray said he only has to send her a list every couple of weeks. She will give him a list of websites that she uses.

Mrs. Yerger said at Richlandtown Township park, there are woods and wetlands, and there's a vernal pond. They take the kids in there and show them some of those features and let them play in there. She will send information to the Township.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mr. Beardsley moved for adjournment. The time was 7:41 p.m.

SECOND BY: Ms. Ray

ROLL CALL: 6-0 (Haz Hijazi – Absent)