

Saucon Valley Partnership Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 10, 2015  
Hellertown Borough

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- A.** Call to Order – Priscilla deLeon – 7:00 p.m.
  
- B.** Roll Call – Priscilla deLeon, Thomas Rieger, John Bate, Leslie Huhn, Cathy Hartranft, Mark Sivak. Absent – Richard Fluck, Glenn Kern, Ed Inghrim, Luis Campos  
Guest – Kate Griffiths
  
- C.** Council of Governments
  - 1.** Approval of Minutes  
Motion by Tom Rieger, second by John Bate to accept the May 13, 2015 minutes as written. All in favor.
  - 2.** Treasurer’s Report  
Mrs. Huhn reported the SVP checking account balance is \$17,764.99 which includes a \$3,000 disbursement to the Saucon Valley Education Foundation. The comprehensive grant fund account balance is \$3,883.45. Leslie will contact DCED to close out grant account.
  - 3.** Approval to pay bills  
Mrs. Huhn stated there were no bills to pay.
  
- D. Old Business**
  - 1.** Development Projects in Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Township
    - a.** Mrs. deLeon updated the committee on the Applebutter Road landfill re-zoning. Due to the time that has lapsed since the initial hearing, the re-zoning must be taken off the table and resubmitted.
    - b.** Mrs. deLeon also reviewed the SE re-alignment of the landfill, which is an additional 6 acres and an overlay of a portion of the existing landfill. The consultants have recommended the landfill revise its plans.
    - c.** Mrs. deLeon reported there is no update on the Woodmont subdivision.
    - d.** The Silver Creek Land Development Plan will be discussed at the September 15, 2015 meeting of Lower Saucon Council. Kate Griffiths mentioned her concern with traffic and site clearance along Apple Street.
    - e.** Mr. Rieger informed the committee the medical office building on Main Street is under construction. The developer would like to be substantially complete by December 2015.
  
  - 2.** LVIP VII Traffic Study Discussion
    - a.** Mrs. deLeon mentioned that the township’s engineering firm is also the engineering firm for LVIP VII. Mrs. deLeon inquired whether Hellertown and Lower Saucon could share the services of BIA, the Borough’s engineering firm to review the plan and recommends the Saucon Valley Partnership send a letter to the City of Bethlehem requesting participation in all future discussions. Upon motion by Mr. Rieger,

seconded by Mark Sivak, the committee agreed to send a letter to Bethlehem requesting participation in all future discussions.

**E. New Business**

1. The Secretary was asked to add the Water Street bridge replacement project to future agendas.
2. Mr. Rieger informed the committee eight streets in the northeast area of Hellertown will be paved later this year. UGI is currently replacing gas mains.
3. Mrs. deLeon informed the committee the “narrows” will remain closed through spring 2016.
4. Mr. Rieger offered for discussion the idea of the SVP becoming the umbrella organization for all community events – community day, light up night, SV parade, summer concerts and movies in the park. Mr. Rieger thought with the dwindling number of volunteers to organize these events, it may be in the best interest of the communities to create a part time position to coordinate these events in the future. The SVP will hold a special meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> at Hellertown and invite the organizers of each event to discuss this concept.

**F. Brief Reports and Discussion Items**

1. County Gaming Authority – no update
2. Joint COG projects – previously discussed under item E-4
3. Roads and Traffic – already discussed
4. Saucon Valley Compost Center – the Center has been running smoothly. The Committee meets on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
5. County Report – Mr. Campos was not present

**G. Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

None

**H. Calendar of Events**

1. Saucon Valley Parade will be October 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm
2. Trick or Treat is October 31, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
3. Light up Night

**I. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Saucon Valley Partnership will be held on October 14, 2015 @ Hellertown Borough.