

Saucon Valley Partnership Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 14, 2015  
Hellertown Borough

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- A.** Call to Order – Ed Inghrim – 7:00 p.m.
- B.** Roll Call – Priscilla deLeon, Ed Inghrim, John Bate, Leslie Huhn, Cathy Hartranft, Richard Fluck, Joe Pampanin  
Absent – Glenn Kern, Tom Rieger  
Also in attendance – Kim Medei, representing Community Day Committee, David Heintzleman, representing SV Spirit Parade, Terry Boos, representing Saucon Valley Farmer’s Market and Jessica O’Donnell and Emily Gerber, representing the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Inghrim called for introductions of attendees. After introductions were made, Mrs. deLeon and Mr. Bate outlined the purpose of the meeting, which is to obtain feedback from the organizations in attendance to determine whether there is interest in the Saucon Valley Partnership overseeing the various events that occur in the Saucon Valley area with a paid part-time coordinator. Mrs. deLeon stressed this inquiry is in no way being disrespectful to any organization present or not present. The purpose of the Saucon Valley Partnership is to partner for shared services. Mr. Bate reiterated this meeting is more of a fact finding mission – understanding there are a limited number of volunteers who spend a lot of time and resources on community events.

Mr. Fluck and Mr. Boos indicated they do not see a need for oversight by the SVP. The Farmer’s Market has a paid manager and site manager.

Mr. Heintzleman’s opinion is the community rises to the occasion. He suggested the leadership of the various committees need to educate the public better in what they do and for what purpose. He does not believe these types of activities belong in the SVP.

Ms. O’Donnell emphasized that while the aim of the GLVCC is to promote and support Saucon Valley Businesses, it is in the intent of the GLVCC to support the Saucon Valley region as a whole.

Mrs. Medei indicated the Community Day Committee is in need of committee members as well as administrative support. The SVP members suggested Mrs. Medei meet with Mrs. Huhn and Mrs. Hartranft to determine exactly what the needs are to determine if the respective municipalities could further assist. Mr. Heintzleman suggested Mr. Inghrim seek out organizations, students, and personnel from the Saucon Valley schools to get involved.

In conclusion, it was determined none of the organizations present would need the SVP involvement in the oversight of their respective events at this time.

Mr. Bate thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all their efforts and declared the meeting a success.

Upon motion by Mr. Inghrim, second by Mr. Pampanin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Saucon Valley Partnership is Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at Lower Saucon Township.