

Saucon Valley Partnership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 12, 2015
Lower Saucon Township

- A. Call to Order – Ed Inghrim – 7:00 p.m.
- B. Roll Call – Priscilla deLeon, Ed Inghrim, Tom Rieger, John Bate, Leslie Huhn, Cathy Hartranft, Lori Sywensky
Absent – Glen Kern
NMo guests were in attendance.
- C. Council of Governments**
1. Minutes – Upon motion by John Bate, seconded by Priscilla deLeon, the minutes of October 14, 2015 were approved.
 2. Treasurer’s Report – Leslie Huhn read the treasurer’s report indicating the Comprehensive Plan Checking Account balance is \$17,470.95 and the Grant Account balance is \$3,884.76
Upon motion by Tom Rieger, seconded by Priscilla deLeon, to close out the grant account and transfer all remaining funds to the Comprehensive Plan checking account. All ayes.
 3. Approval to Pay Bills – none
- D. Old Business**
1. LVIP VII Traffic Study – Cathy Hartranft appraised the Partnership that Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Township will share the cost of a traffic study and review of access roads to Easton Road from LVIP VII. This traffic study and review will be conducted by BIA. The purpose of the study is to determine provide input and recommendations to PennDot and determine the impact of additional vehicular and truck traffic using Easton Road, Cherry Lane and Route 412.
- E. New Business**
1. 2016 Meeting Schedule – it was determined to maintain the meeting schedule to follow suit with previous years. Leslie Huhn will provide a schedule at the January meeting.
- F. Brief Reports and Discussion Items**
1. County Gaming Authority – Cathy and Leslie reported grants were received by both municipalities in the last round. Future funding availability won’t be announced until 2016.
 2. Joint COG Projects – Ed Inghrim expressed appreciation to the SVP for the \$3000 donation to the environmental center.
 3. Roads & Traffic – Ed Inghrim inquired as to the status of the traffic signal at Polk Valley Road. Lori Sywensky indicated this may be a good use of TAP or multi-module funding.
 4. Saucon Valley Compost Center – Cathy Hartranft advised the Partnership that the Borough of Hellertown has applied to DEP for a grant in the amount of \$195,505 for a loader with grapple bucket, paving the driveway and educational materials.
 5. Water Street Bridge Replacement – Cathy Hartranft updated the Partnership informing environmental reviews and being conducted as well as design. The Borough has been advised PennDot design will include the historical arches. Construction is expected in 2017. A discussion followed regarding the High Street Bridge and Meadows Road Bridge. No further information was available.
 6. Northampton County Report – Lori Sywensky advised the Partnership her and Diane Donaher met with Cathy Hartranft, Jack Cahalan and David Willard to discuss the development and implementation of an economic development commission to focus on economic restructuring and

commercial real estate within the Saucon Valley. Members of the partnership agreed to look into the structuring of the Nazareth Economic Development Commission and the Slate Belt Economic Development Commission why both hybrids of the Main Street Initiative are.

G. Citizens Commenting on Non-Agenda Items – None

H. Events – Saucon Valley Conservancy Holiday Gathering on December 7th, Saucon Valley Community Center honoring Josh Popichak on November 20th and Light Up Night on November 27th.

I. Adjournment – Upon motion by John Bate, second by Priscilla deLeon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Saucon Valley Partnership is Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at Hellertown Borough.