

I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:35 p.m., with Laura Ray, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Members: Dru Germanoski (via phone), Chair; Jennifer Helton, Vice Chair; Allan Johnson (via phone), Laura Ray and Cheyenne Reiman; **Absent Members:** Tom Carocci and Ann Spirk; **Associate Members:** Chad Heimbecker, Russ Sutton, Winfield Clark; **Staff:** Carol Schneider; **Jr. Council Member:** Harry Vivic; **Absent Associate Member:** Kathy Pichel McGovern and Janine Bonham; **Guests:** Colleen Sutton, Mark Ozimek, Bob McKellin and Victoria Opthof-Cordaro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. REORGANIZATION

1. NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN

MOTION BY: Laura nominated Dru as Chairman

SECOND BY: Jennifer

ROLL CALL: 5-0-2 (Tom and Ann Absent)

2. NOMINATION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

MOTION BY: Allan nominated Jennifer as Vice- Chairman

SECOND BY: Laura

ROLL CALL: 5-0-2 (Tom and Ann Absent)

3. NOMINATION OF SECRETARY

MOTION BY: Allan nominated Laura as Secretary

SECOND BY: Jennifer

ROLL CALL: 5-0-2 (Tom and Ann Absent)

4. DESIGNATION OF EAC MEETING – TIME, DATE & PLACE

MOTION BY: Laura moved to have the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at Town Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.

SECOND BY: No Second

ROLL CALL: No Roll Call

B. GOALS AND PROJECTS FOR 2024

Re-evaluate the Open Space Committee, Re-evaluate the By-laws, Re-write the By-laws (sub-committee), Compost Workshop, Recycling - Waste Reduction, Battery Boxes, Invite the EPA to discuss what environmental justice is (if we qualify), Invite Dru to talk about "recharging" the waterbeds, Host a tire deposit day and invite other townships, Host a large appliance day and invite other townships, the EAC should research the Congresswoman who introduced house bill "House Bill 1322 would give residents incentive to recycle their bottles and cans.", Litter by Letter Project (at Polk Valley), Keep PA Beautiful (State Clean-up Program), Host the Penn State Extension to come out and speak on roadside dumps and water quality, drinking water and wells quality discussion, have the Lower Saucon Authority come and give a yearly assessment, Review the water quality issue, Pick-up litter day, Paint the fire hydrants, turn trash into art, EAC Collaboration, Educate on Bees and Bats, Bat house, hikes, lecture series, informational series, Wildlands Conservatory speaker series on native plants, work with local nurseries or tree farms (or both) to sell

pollinator plants. Rain Barrel Workshop, Plant Sale (at SV Farmers Market and or Community Day), Plant Sale incorporating Bees and Butterflies etc.

Cheyenne asked where the EAC information is posted for the public, do we have a Facebook page? Jennifer said no, we have an EAC on the website. Laura said that there isn't really much on the EAC page per se. Chad said that the Township newsletter is the only way that he has seen events for the EAC for years. Cheyenne said everyone is on Facebook, maybe we can create a Facebook site. Jennifer said maybe we can put it on our to-do list, develop a medium or social media. Cheyenne said maybe the Secretary can do that, not to add more to your plate. Laura said no, but we should do this. Jennifer mentioned that Chad does this, maybe he can create this. Laura said there you go Chad. Chad said he creates website and the social media thing. Cheyenne said she would be willing to help. Laura asked Carol how she determines what to put on the Township site? Carol said on the website? Laura said no, the Facebook site. If we sent you a Facebook post every week or twice a week, would you post it? Carol said absolutely. Laura said rather than make a whole separate page with no likers. Cheyenne said that if you look at other townships, they have Facebook pages, and they get a decent number of interaction and shares. It's a benign way to get people who are seeking out things to do and juice from the squeeze for your efforts and she would be willing to work on it with Chad. Jennifer said she thought that was a great idea. Cheyenne said essentially its free. Laura said, so your recommending making our own Facebook page? Cheyenne said yes, I'll help Chad do it. She said that she was only teasing when she said she threw it on her. She said she would be happy to work with Chad collaboratively. She said this would make it easy for Carol to share directly from that page and it would drive traffic there too. She said the more eyes you get on this the more people will see. Chad agreed. Jennifer suggested that when Carol does the notes that she would put in a Google spreadsheet that can be shared so we can revisit and prioritize them and assign people to them? She asked Carol if she had the ability to do this and Carol said yes. Cheyenne said that she loves spreadsheets. Carol asked Cheyenne if she was volunteering and Cheyenne said yes, that she could do it. Laura said it has to be in a Google doc so that everybody can jump on and add a note. Cheyenne said of course. Chad asked if there were any rules or record keeping violations with sharing this information or issues? Jennifer said as long as it's just us and we keep it private. Laura said we don't make any rules or anything, were just a recommending body. Chad said I just want make sure that we're not violating anything. Laura said that when she did the website no one ever said anything but, it was just too much and no one ever helped. Chad asked if the EAC was a sub page on the website? Laura said yes but it's pretty static. Chad said that a social media portal would be an effective way to communicate with the community and it's free essentially.

Jennifer said that Kathy couldn't attend the meeting and had some great ideas she wanted me to share (these items were combined above along with all ideas after this statement).

Cheyenne asked if we have ever done anything with neighboring EACs as a collaborative effort with any other communities? Laura said we haven't for a long time, we used too. Springfield Township has done a tire recycling in the past and they let us share in with that. She said she doesn't know if they still do that or not. Jennifer said that we are collaborating this year, it was voted on last year, the EAC at Springtown is having their 50-year, not their EAC it's actually their Watershed, they're bringing in all the local EACs the area. She said that it would be a good way to build relationships. Cheyenne agreed and said that everyone has their strengths.

Laura said if you start going to the conferences (the virtual one is not quite the same as the in-person ones) you'll start to get some good ideas. Other EACs will showcase the things that they've done and you'll come away with some great ideas. There is a lot of good ideas out there, we've just cancelled way too many meetings.

Chad asked if we have any events on the calendar? Besides the Electronic Event and litter pick-up? Carol said no. Dru stated to make sure we have enough meetings to do all this. He also said this

sounds like a proactive group. Laura said we are missing people so we can revisit this topic next month and put back on the agenda and have sub-groups.

Cheyenne asked who writes grants? Laura said Cindy Oatis worked on the last one for the Electronic Recycling. Carol stated that Sandy had worked on some in the past. Cheyenne said that she wouldn't mind checking them out to see what we would qualify for and mentioned that we could get a sub-committee together. Laura said we would have to know what the grant is for first.

C. EAC NETWORK VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ON 2/24/24

Laura stated that the virtual conference is not as fun as the in-person conference however, she recommended to let Carol know if you're interested. Cheyenne offered to host the WeConservePA EAC Network Virtual Conference at her business in Hellertown on 2/24/24. Carol stated she would register as a group provided Council approved the \$75.00 per 5 people registered (or single \$35.00). EAC members that stated that they were interested were Dru, Kathy, Winfield, Chad, Cheyenne and Jennifer.

D. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EAC MEMBERS

Laura welcomed Russ Sutton to the group and asked him if he wanted to share information on himself. Russ stated that he his background was originally in biology and that's why he interested in ecology. He went to Delaware Valley College and Moravian and two associates from NACAC. He stated that he was laid off a lot working in that industry so he became a Nurse. He was an Intensive Care Nurse and an Open-Heart Nurse for 35 years. He was also an Advanced Life Support Instructor for 25 years. He has a big interest in the environment and what's going on in this area and he wants to help the environment in this area, not just for us, but for further generations.

Winfield Clark stated that he has always been interested in the environment. He stated that he was on a science track in college. He was biology, botany and switched to political science and journalism later switching to a communications major. He now works in live TV production which doesn't have anything to do with the EAC but that's his day job. He lived in Philadelphia 10 years prior to this and he and his wife moved up here four years ago. He stated that he lives near the Landfill and he's not a fan of it and maybe that had something to do with coming in. He's always been into gardening, being outside and botany plants and he's happy to be selected. Laura said that she's sorry, she should've done that first. It should've been on the agenda.

III. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. REVIEW OF BETHLEHEM LANDFILL-STEELEY LOT LINE CHANGE #02-23

Laura stated that they have a developer lot line change. Jennifer asked if they were able to discuss? Laura said she was unable to enlarge the map (it was a blur) and she wasn't sure what the GIC was and she didn't know what that meant. Someone (Russ?) spoke but it was inaudible. Jennifer asked if they could table it? Cheyenne asked about getting a blueprint copy of the map. Jennifer said I feel like we're making a decision on.... Laura said we're not really making a decision on it per se. Jennifer said recommendation, sorry. Laura said that with lot line changes there are no plans to go with it so it's hard to make any recommendation at all, like "don't cut down all the trees" because they don't have any plan of anything. She doesn't know if tabling it will do anything because it's going to continue on its path wherever the lot line change goes to next. Someone (Jennifer?) said Council and Laura said Planning? She wasn't sure what the order was for this or where it's been. Jennifer said that we would want to make recommendations that they would maintain things like the LVPC, trees and requirements of the code like the township and maintaining reduced climate change impact which LVPC has in their letter. Laura said to Jennifer that she can make the recommendation like that to maintain whatever screening is in place there. Laura mentioned that there was a Hanover letter at the back of her packet. Chad made a note that the Hanover letter was received the day prior to the meeting.

Jennifer said currently the property was Rural Agricultural (RA) and the piece of property to be transferred be returned to Light Industrial (LI), she couldn't see what they were talking about. Cheyenne said that they basically want to absorb that parcel into the rest that they own around it and call it a lot line. Jennifer said yes, basically. Laura said, so is the purpose of doing a lot line adjustment so it's included in light industrial instead of RA? Jennifer said yes, Laura said sweet. Dru said (sometimes inaudible) I don't think the group should be approving the lot line change. Jennifer said she agreed. Winfield said that this area is where (he's guessing) there is a stone building there maybe? Jennifer said it's an old pump, right? Cheyenne said that's an old autobody and she doesn't think the zoning would impact taking the building down, she thought it would be more of the use, it wouldn't be conforming like a special exception would be her guess. Chad asked if it was in Rural Agricultural (RA) now? Jennifer said yes. Chad said and it's switching to Light Industrial (LI) and they're going to put what on it? Laura said, it's not switching, they want it to switch. It's kind of a little jaggity over there and it cuts out a few pieces. This was obviously a piece that was cut out before that wasn't a part of rezoning. Cheyenne asked if they owned this parcel? Laura said yes, you wouldn't be able to do this if you didn't own it. Cheyenne said yes, so this isn't one that there is a contiguous hold out, so this is the last man standing. Laura said she guesses that they can make a motion that they don't approve of doing the lot line, just for the purpose of getting it rezoned or whatever. Jennifer said she agreed. Dru asked (parts were inaudible) what historic purpose the old stone building had? Historical significance? Laura said that that was on the other side of the entrance. Chad said that he's surprised that it's still standing, it seems like a safety hazard to the roadway. Jennifer said that is historical. Laura said that she hasn't seen anyone positively identify it. Jennifer said ok, she thought that she read that it was. Laura said there were rumors of what it was. Chad asked what the EAC's role was at this point with these plans? Laura said we can make a recommendation, or a lot of them, it's regular people in neighborhoods and one guy wants his line be more straight so they make an agreement to sell him a little. So, we usually, for something like that we usually don't have a recommendation or no comment. Sometimes we see them (lot line changes) when they actually do tell us what the plan is "were actually going to build five houses over here" ... and then we might make recommendations. Often, we get them where they don't really tell us why they're doing it or what's going to happen. We can guess. Now that we see the Hanover letter, we know why they're doing this, they want it rezoned. It's like a sneaky way to rezone it. Cheyenne asked what does Zoning Hearing Board do with it? Laura said I would recommend to not allow the whole lot line change, if possible. Jennifer said she would second that. Laura said we can do a vote. Laura said Dru and Allan I don't know if you heard, we would recommend that they don't move forward with this lot line change. Allan said ok and Dru said (inaudible) he would vote in favor of the motion. Laura said ok, thanks, Allan? Allan said what? Laura said do you want to vote on the motion? Did you hear the motion? Allan said no he didn't hear the motion. Laura said, we're making a motion that we are not in favor of this lot line change at all. Allan said if you're not in favor of it, then I'm not in favor of it. Laura said Jennifer? Jennifer said she's not in favor of it. Laura said Cheyenne? Cheyenne asked Laura to restate the motion. Laura said, not in favor of letting them have this lot line change. Cheyenne said, you're making a recommendation to Council that we (EAC) do not allow it, correct? Laura said yes. Cheyenne said that she is a nay on this one. Laura said ok.

MOTION BY: Laura made a motion that we are not in favor of this lot line change at all.

SECOND BY: Jennifer

ROLL CALL: 5-0-2 (Tom and Ann Absent)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Victoria Opthof-Cordaro: I didn't realize it was on YouTube, yet. Laura said, we wanted it to be so we'll see how it works.

Mr. Mark Ozimek: said can you hear me (softly)? Do you understand what's going on? Can you hear me? That's exactly my point. I can hear her; him I could hardly hear. The only ones I can hear is Laura and Carol. I can't hear you at all. Cheyenne said I wish you would've spoke up a little sooner. Mark said he spoke up in past meetings about this. If you said it was on YouTube, and have your phone out, go out in the hallway and see if you people on YouTube can actually hear them. Cheyenne said because you can't hear it that well? Mark said no you don't. Cheyenne said she would've been happy to speak up had she known. Mark said this is an ongoing battle with everything in the township, every meeting. Chad apologized. Mark said move the microphones around, whatever you gotta do to share them, they're not glued to the table. Cheyenne said this conversation would be better suited for Thursday's meeting at Council. Mark said he's off that subject, he's done with that. Laura said, I know what it's like.

Mark said the other point he would like to make is your recycling, does anyone go over to Illick's Mill Road and drop their recycling off? Well, the next time you go over, ask them what they do with their recycling because from what I was told, the only recycling plant left is in Hamburg which is all the way out by 61 and 78. It closed a long time ago, so not all the recycling is going into Chrin's landfill and that's why it goes in the back of a garbage truck. Just in case none of you knew that. Russ said that he could ask at the next Council meeting in Bethlehem, he'll bring that up. Mark said, yeh, that's a good point. Cheyenne said this is a nationwide problem and Russ agreed. Cheyenne said it's beyond us and Russ said it's global. Laura said through some recent conversations or chit chats that she was a part of that talked about MRF (mixed recycling facilities/**materials recovery facility**), there is one up in Bangor that is supposedly decent run by Waste Mgt. and they offer tours. Mark said and it's open? And they're accepting recycling? Laura said yes, I think they can send someone here to speak to us or we can do a tour of the facility. Cheyenne said we can bring Mark on the tour with us. Mark said that he'll have to get with his garbage man next time and complain. Laura said, we were also told there is one in Pottstown that's run by Mascaro, I don't know if they do tours. She stated Bangor is a little closer. Russ stated that they are actually only 10% plastic recycling. Jennifer said that every little bit that they can do, should be the next nudge in. Cheyenne said does someone want to contact the facilities and see what we have to do to tour? She told Laura, if she sends her the names, she can call them. Laura said she didn't have a contact name. Cheyenne said do you have the name of the place? Can you email that to me? Laura said that MRF is the acronym in general (the mixed recycling facility) and she thinks there is a map or something available with all the facilities on it in Pennsylvania, these are the two local ones, Pottstown and Bangor. Jennifer said thank you to Mark. Mark said thank you, because if Bangor is open then I'll tell trash man to go there instead of running it to Chrins garbage dump. Laura said, one of my tie in questions is you can actually take stuff into the dump (Bethlehem Landfill), they have big dumpsters that you have to drive halfway up the hill, maybe they moved them? She said wondered what they do with it? It's kind of weird going in there with your car and you have to go on the scale... Cheyenne said, you do that at Blindermans and you can get a flat tire. Winfield said I like it just to sneak around and I felt like I was undercover. Mark said that Blindermans will take steel and some scrap yards will take steel. Laura asked, do we have any other public comments?

Russ stood up and said this is what they were doing to the mountain behind his house (he came with pictures on a poster board). He said they are logging; they call it selective harvesting and he said which it's not. He said the landowner across the street from him have 20 acres, the one above has 30 acres and the one on the top has 40 acres, so you're talking about 100 acres that has already been destroyed. This was a part of a slope, as you see, it's bull dozed and they also have a for sale sign posted. He already spoke with the Township Zoning Officer and he did a stop and desist for a period of time but then the Conservation District of Northampton came in and gave them the ok. He said that this is all run by the State and he had firstly talked with Rep. Robert Freeman to do something about this but, this is all run by the State. Russ said, this is not selective, they flattened it. He said this is off of Mathews and Quincy and this is equipment that they used referred to his pictures). It's Caterpillar, and the one that he saw, actually he just got back from

Hawaii and he heard a crash, they didn't notify any of us that they were harvesting. He also stated that there is supposed to be a permit up there... Laura said that they have to have a plan onsite. Russ said that there is nothing posted and nothing to prevent drainage. He said this is a high slope and these are the recent pictures he has that are behind Priscilla's house and a whole bunch of our houses. He said they literally destroyed it. Jennifer asked if this was for the cell tower? Russ said this is part of the cell tower, but this has nothing to do with the cell tower. Laura said this is the property. Russ said that this is private property but the point being is they're only supposed to destroy a certain percentage of acreage, they are only allowed to dig a certain percentage of acreage and they are way over it, it's supposed to be 10%. Chad said he thought it was 15% limit? Russ said 10 or 15%, he talked to the Engineer and he said that there was a formula. Jennifer asked if anyone has been out to this property? Russ said, me. Jennifer said from the Township? Russ said, the Zoning Officer was out to cease and desist at one period of time because they were dragging logs out mature trees (red oak is 3ft. in diameter and hickory that have been there for over 200 years). He said that they are also supposed to have a sediment and control permit, he said he never saw anything like that. Jennifer asked Russ who he talked to? Russ said, that's what the Zoning Officer at the Township said. Jennifer asked if he could give her the address at some point? Russ said yes. Laura said that they should have a plan here. Russ said yes, they should have a plan but it's supposed to be posted on the property and the erosion plan should be posted right on the land. He said that there is no posting anywhere. Cheyenne said that's not the only one, there was one on Weaver's two years ago and there's one out by Crestline right now and people are all complaining. Jennifer said and there's one on Flint, which is Northampton they allowed to go through and they logged a ton at the WB Social Club. Chad said he saw harvesting off of Apple. Winfield said yes, they did it by my house two summers ago, not on his property but where the radio tower is. Russ said this is 18 to 30 degrees going up and they're flattening it. Actually, you see this machine here? It grabs the tree by the base and rips it out by the roots and spins, and knocks everything down the length of that tree. Laura said the trees are one thing, they're regrading, how is that a logging plan? Russ said he happened to find a for sale sign up there and nobody knows anything about that because he asked Mark Hudson. Laura asked if they have more lots? Russ said those people have 30 acres. Laura asked if they are separate parcels? Russ said they own the whole thing; it sounds like they are going to sub-divide it and sell it. Laura said they have to sub-divide before they can sell the lot. Russ said the whole point is, they already tore it all up, it's too late now, he's been sneaking around with his camera. Jennifer said that's where penalties come in and the Township can force them to replant. Russ said that they can't force them to replant, he read this article that said they can leave everything there, all the debris can stay just like that, they don't have to touch it because it will provide protect from new seedlings that come up. He also stated that they get all the water overflow from this. Laura said so what's happening now with all this storm? Russ said, oh I can't wait. Laura said what are you going to see tomorrow? Russ said, that's under the wrap, I'll go around tomorrow and take a look tomorrow, this is a whole mountain. It's not like five acres, this is over 100 acres, it's all the way down to Riverside Drive from Quincy all the way down to Riverside Drive, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. Russ said that he was really upset about this and the only reason he knew was because he was woken up in the morning by a big crash, nobody talked to anybody about this, none of the residents that are adjacent to this, it's right behind Priscilla's house. Laura said, maybe we put this on our list of topics, things we should know more about. She said that they used to have good zoning regs on it and the State did, undermine all of that and changed it all. Russ said that its all state controlled, the township can't do anything, and Northampton County can't do anything. It's all state regulated because they changed the law. Laura said, well, change the law makers. Russ said, according to what he had, they're not compliant because they're supposed to be a permit there. Laura said that's what we need to look at. Russ said, actually at the last Council meeting, there was a reporter here, he gave me information to get that on that and he was going to do an article on this for the Call Chronical about what they're doing. Russ said he thinks it wrong, he and his wife moved up here because we love the area and we loved the trees and then they destroy everything. First, we had to deal with the dump (Bethlehem Landfill) which they told me it would only be there 4-5 years and that was 35 years ago and everybody that moves here they say the

same thing. We have a neighbor that moved in down below that got a permit to build his house and he asked them how long the dump would be there and they told him, 4-5 years, so they keep lying. Chad said it's like he's in the car with his kids and they asked how long? Russ said it's cleared all the way up to the ridgeline, you couldn't even see before that. Chad asked, is there a for sale sign on it? Russ said yes. Chad said is there a number on it? Russ said he called it already and they didn't get back to him. Mark said they didn't get back to him either. Cheyenne said that's their office number. There was discussion on who owns what property. Chad asked Russ what outcome he is looking for? Russ said he is looking for what we can do to prevent this from happening to another place and there are no restrictions on logging and on private property, they can do what they want. Cheyenne said there isn't much on timbering in zoning. Russ said no there isn't much on timbering, that's the whole problem because its state controlled. The weird part is, with the Township, you are only allowed to take two trees out a year and before that you were only allowed one tree and you had to get a permit. Laura agreed. Russ now they can take a whole mountain down, and they don't need anything. Laura agreed again. Russ said it's something screwy. Laura said erosion plans and regrading that's something we should have control over. Russ said they should have the socks up there to prevent drainage, they have nothing up there, their destroying the whole mountain, the whole watershed. You can't put non-indigenous plants in this township, but then you're allowed to tear a whole mountain down. I'm just very upset about this. Cheyenne said, with others (timber harvest) going on, it's worth looking into. Russ said, and the thing is, they're still up there, they were only supposed to be there for three weeks and they've been there for four months. Winfield said that's the other thing, they just come and go as they please and that was what was annoying to him. They drive up the road behind his house and he heard chain saws and the mess. Russ said not only that, these trucks are probably overweight for those roads. Laura said she had the same complaints when they logged across the street from her. When you live in the area that we do, the roads aren't made to handle things like that, that come through and they get stuff on the roads, and nobody can get around. Russ said that they chewed up this persons property because they can't make the turn with the tractor trailer, so they end up putting steel plates down in peoples yards. He said, well, that's not an answer but thanks for hearing me. Winfield said, thank you. Russ said I think they violated a number of laws. Laura said I think that's a Council topic to peruse. Cheyenne asked Laura if she thought it was worth having EAC review the ordinances that are written for timbering and make a recommendation to Council as to what the EAC would like to see. Laura said I think we need to... Cheyenne said I think I'm louder without the microphone, is it worth something for the EAC to look at how it's written in the current zoning to say, ok, this is what zoning says but as an EAC read that, interpret it and make a recommendation to Council as far as what we would like the ordinance to actually read, which would put a restriction on it as opposed to leaving it open ended now. That's really the heart of the EAC is about. Laura said except the state laws overrule our laws, we used to have great... we rewrote a lot of that a long time ago and we had good ordinances and then the state overruled it and kind of made our logging stuff...it's like we don't care what you all say. Cheyenne said it's still worth mentioning. Jennifer agreed. Laura said we should still have some control over the run off, the erosion, the regrading all that. Cheyenne said now that should go to documentation, if you go up there and take videos so you can see what's running down. Russ said I have some. Cheyenne said she knows there are people on Easton Road that have the same problem where they can get a river in their back yard. Russ said his neighbors has flooding from it not even from this, but the neighbor back there actually built a road which he didn't have permission to because it's on a paper street and when they did the roads in Steel City, 22 tri-axle trucks of screen went up there and he built a road that he did not have a permit for and he has a road up there plus a parking lot, he's done a lot of stuff without any permits and finally he got caught with that and had to get permits and tear stuff down. It's really a problem.

Ms. Victoria Opthof-Cordaro: As a resident I started to look into the timbering thing and she thinks what the township can do, since the state regulations came out after the township had a more restrictive ordinance, you can consult with the Solicitor and the State and they can review

the zoning ordinance you have and make recommendations as to things that you can put in place to protect what you can and still be in compliance with the state regs. And the other thing we can look into is how exactly we are enforcing fines so that when there is a non-compliance thing with our Zoning Officer and we have some teeth that we can go back to the landowner and make some corrections or repairs or monetary fines to dissuade any non-compliance or something like that. She thinks there is an avenue to have the timbering ordinance reviewed by our Solicitor to at least have something. She thinks other municipalities have done this, so maybe the EAC can make a recommendation to Council to have this done and Council will review it and in due course when it comes up on our agenda hopefully. That's all. Jennifer said I move to make that recommendation, Cheyenne said she seconds that. Laura said all in favor for making a motion, Dru and Allan, to have our township regulations reviewed by the Solicitor and see if we request to could have the state review and see what we can do to enforce things better. Russ stated that they never even notify the surrounding residents that this was even occurring. Laura said they probably don't have to. Jennifer asked if the regs exist are they on the books? Laura said she thought so, she didn't think we ever removed them, they're just not applicable with the state timbering. Jennifer said, let's continue to move forward. Dru said he votes yes. Carol asked for the motion to be repeated. Laura said probably not, can you get that off the tape? Jennifer said, she moves that they make a recommendation to Council that the Solicitor work with the state to review the existing timbering code to make sure what is compliant, that's her motion. Laura said Cheyenne second the motion and Dru voted yes. Cheyenne asked if Laura was taking roll call? Laura said Allan are you still there? Allan said yes. Laura asked if he was voting yes to the motion? Allan said that he votes yes. Laura said thank you and voted yes. Cheyenne voted yes. Laura said, yes, yes who did I miss, alright, super.

MOTION BY: Jennifer motioned to recommend to have our Township regulations reviewed by the Solicitor and the State, to review to see what we can do to enforce things better.

SECOND BY: Cheyenne

ROLL CALL: 5-0-2 (Tom and Ann Absent)

Mr. Mark Ozimek: Dru can you hear me, hello? Dru said, yes. Mark said, he thinks, that since the election, that the odor complaints to DEP have gone up drastically. It smells out on 78 and past his house on Redington Road when he walks the dog at 8:00 a.m. in the morning, he thinks, and he's not for big government, he for shrinking government, EAC should work on this as long as the other groups, that when the landfill smells and there are too many complaints coming out of Steel City or anywhere else, that we no longer wait for the DEP and Hanover Engineering and Lower Saucon Township comes up with their own plan and their own law on the dump (Bethlehem Landfill) and they take control of the dump. Which means they have the right to shut it down, they have the right to fine it and the right to any other disciplinary action needed to be taken against the Bethlehem Landfill....(there was silence) church mice. Laura said, she didn't think they could do that legally. Mark said, sometimes you have to push the law to get somewhere. Cheyenne said you have to finish your statement by what metrics you want to use, you can't just say a number of calls for complaints, there has to be some kind of measurable term. Mark said it had crossed his mind, he thought of that, that's where the boards come in and work together, because right now, the landfill is pretty much getting away with basically he thinks with everything they want. Russ said, they have a new contract, it's been signed so they have cart blanche, unless we appeal that. Mark said, whatever they got the Lower Saucon residents including himself, are the ones that have to tolerate the dump. Lower Saucon Township as a whole should make rules to take control of the dump. We should be the ones with the final say, not Hanover, not the Department of Environmental Protection because they aren't here to smell it and live with it, so he's asking you to grow some and some big ones, and come up with a plan to start going after them, lock them out, say no you can't get garbage for a week, no, your fined \$5000.00 a day for every smell that comes out of there. And Lower Saucon Township creates its own little judicial system against the dump on its own. If the previous Township President can make up lies and have him convicted and have the Chief of Police prosecute it, then you should be able to come up with a plan to work on something like this and show them that you're not

going to back down and you're not going to go away and you're going to make their life hell so that every day when they decide to close, that pile of garbage will be covered up with dirt. He said that he's trying to refrain. Russ said that he knows for a fact that they don't cover the garbage all the time, he's been up there with his camera and he's counted from 500 to 1000 buzzards up there in one sitting, they've been all over his house and all over his woods, from looking green, it's white from crapping all over. Cheyenne said it's going to be tough, you have clear, concise evidence, buzzards - you can make the argument that you can smell below... I'm not saying that you're not. Mark said here's my clearly concise evidence, we have a landfill committee, right? You put a somebody on the landfill committee that's not going to give a crap about what people want like me, and when there are a ton of calls that come in, you get a cop if they choose to be involved, and you get the landfill committee and you get in the car and you drive up there and you tour the dump and you find out what's up there and what's going on and why it smells so bad and why the garbage isn't covered. Cheyenne said you take action on that and allowing access. Mark said and when you go up there and find it you tell them boom, you're locked out for a week and give them a its \$1,000.00 a day fine. Chad is asked if they log or have stations? Mark said they have several. Chad said don't they have to maintain (auditable)? Cheyenne said that's what she means, there needs to be a metric used. Chad asked if they were doing this or not? Russ said sometimes it depends. Chad said if they are violating it...Mark said, if they are violating it, then you have to wait for DEP to do an inspection and then DEP grants them x amount of time to repair it and when they don't repair it they get more x amount of time to repair it and when they don't repair it for the third time, they fine them, well where's the fine money? Do we benefit from any of it? Chad mentions something about shutting down a state road (inaudible). Mark said, you can't shut down a state road, the state wouldn't go for that and the cops and fire, ambulances or neighbors wouldn't go for that matter. But, as far as the dump itself... Russ mentions something about a flight pattern and requirements up to 30,000 feet. Mark said that Lower Saucon should come up with a plan where they have control of the dump because Lower Saucon is the one that takes the brunt of the abuse for everything that happens with the dump, Bethlehem doesn't care, Easton might care although they are going to start using the dump, Hellertown, he doesn't know how they feel about it, they thought about not wanting the dump expansion either. But the point is, you have to get them in a position where instead of Banonis bowing down to them, you have them bow down to us. Don't, well me, work on it. Get to the lawyer, get to a meeting, get to the neighbors. He said he's the only bitch left in Lower Saucon. Thank you.

V. UPDATES/REPORTS: None

VI. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 MINUTES

MOTION BY: Jennifer motioned to approve the September 12, 2023.

SECOND BY: Laura

ROLL CALL: 5-0-2 (Tom and Ann Absent)

B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 10, 2023 MINUTES - Laura said that she had a couple minor corrections, page 6, line 40 - shifted to shift and page 7, line 13 - add the word not.

MOTION BY: Laura to approve the October 10, 2023 minutes with the corrections.

SECOND BY: Cheyenne

ROLL CALL: 5-0-2 (Tom and Ann Absent)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Laura moved for adjournment. The time was 8:10 p.m.
SECOND BY: No second
ROLL CALL: 5-0-2 (Tom and Ann Absent)

Dru Germanoski, Chair

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