

**I. OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Environmental Advisory Council meeting of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Tuesday, August 14, at 7:00 PM, at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Sandra Yerger, Chairman, presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Members:** Sandra Yerger, Chairman; Hazem Hijazi, Ted Beardsley, Allan Johnson, Dru Germanoski, Sarah Stanlick. Absent: Laura Ray; **Associate Members:** David Jauregui, Thomas Carocci, Michael Boyle, Cindy Oatis & Glenn Kaye (7:26 pm). **Hellertown Liaison:** Terry Boos. **Staff:** Diane Palik.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mrs. Yerger said they will be meeting in Executive Session to discuss properties. The EAC recessed at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

**II. OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE**

**A. PROPERTY UPDATES**

**1. PROPERTY NO. 2017-5, 2017-6, and 2017-7**

Mr. Germanoski said the Open Space Sub-Committee evaluated these properties and they are all adjacent to each other. All scored high for environmental amenities, wetlands, hydro soils, springs, etc., but the development potential was very limited by those environmental amenities. We thought it was imprudent to use open space funds to buy development rights for acreages that really didn't really have much development potential.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Germanoski moved that the EAC does not recommend Property Nos. 2017-5, 2017-6 and 2017-7 to Council for conservation easements for open space and that the EAC would encourage the property owners who have a desire to preserve these properties consider some other alternative way of preserving the development rights with deed restrictions or something else.

**SECOND BY:** Ms. Stanlick

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Absent – Laura Ray)

**2. PROPERTY No. 2018-1**

Mr. Dru Germanoski said this property scored very high with a total of 22 points. They did not score it for bargain sale or matching funds as they do not know whether the property owner was willing to give a bargain sale or if there were matching funds. The property only scored low 0 out of 1 for carbonate geology and 0 out of 2 for linkage potential, but all other attributes it scored in the maximum limit as this site does have development potential and appears significant.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Germanoski moved to recommend to Council that they move forward to further consider Property No. 2018-1 for open space easement acquisition.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Beardsley

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Absent – Laura Ray)

**3. PROPERTY NO. 2018-2**

Mrs. Yerger said she was in conversation with Maria Bentzoni from the NC Ag Preservation Program and this owner also applied to the Ag Preservation Program. It is 37 acres and the County is looking very favorable on it. It has significant features that would score fairly high on the agricultural scoring system for the County so we are going to let this property go forward through the County; and if and when it does not rank high enough with the County, then we can go out and score it.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MS4 UPDATES – None**

**B. REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO ADD APPRAISAL FIRMS TO APPROVED LIST**

Mrs. Yerger said one of our appraisers is retiring, so we only have one left which is Indian Valley Appraisal. There were three appraisers contacted and the one that she had done some research on was Laura Laudone Weis who appraises conservation easements, which is a little different than real

estate. It's somewhat of a specialized type of appraisal. She is one that would be important to the Township to use for now. She will look into Frederik Lesavoy qualifications. Natural Lands Trust is one of his clients and she works in partnership with them on some projects. She will give them a call and see what they think.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. Yerger moved to recommend to Council to add Laura Laudone Weis to be Lower Saucon Township's second appraiser for conservation easements.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Beardsley

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Absent – Laura Ray)

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Germanoski moved to recommend to Council that Mrs. Yerger look into Frederick Lesavoy's qualifications more carefully and receive a report and consider that application at a future meeting.

Mrs. Yerger said it doesn't hurt to have three.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Hijazi

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Absent – Laura Ray)

**IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None**

**V. UPDATES/REPORTS**

**A. TERRY BOOS REPORT – HELLERTOWN REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Boos said this past weekend, they had a considerable amount of rain and the Water Street Bridge was put out of commission for a period of time, so there was no access from Front Street west to the creek. We can consider this a preliminary run for next year's bridge replacement. Mrs. Yerger said that will affect the Meadows Road Bridge, so she's not sure they want two bridges closed at both ends of town. Mr. Boos said they cancelled the Farmer's Market this past Sunday. They were given the option to run the market, but they decided rather than having traffic headaches, it was just best to cancel for the day. Mrs. Yerger said the Saucon Creek runs through her property and she hasn't seen it flood that bad since the last hurricane. She had debris from a cart to large tree trunks. It was not good.

**B. HELLERTOWN-LOWER SAUCON COMMUNITY DAY – AUGUST 18 – 11 AM TO 8 PM**  
Mrs. Yerger said LST will have a booth and will have some information there. At 11:00 a.m., she will be there to speak on behalf of LST.

**C. NC ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT – SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> @ ILLICKS MILL**

**D. LATEX PAINT COLLECTION EVENT HELD AT TOWN HALL ON JUNE 23, 2018**

Mr. Carocci volunteered and said this event was well received from the residents. The cars were constant. There were 84 donors and they collected 618 cans of paint -- 309 gallons, only 3% was not useable. June was a great time to hold this event at LST. The EAC would like to hold another event next June as one of their 2019 goals.

**VI. OLD/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY 8, 2018 MINUTES**

Mr. Germanoski had one correction on page 1, line 37, strike the ally off of hypothetical.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. Yerger moved for approval of the May 8, 2018 minutes, with the one correction.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Germanoski

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Absent: Laura Ray)

**B.** Mrs. Yerger said in the "PA Township News", LST ranked 29<sup>th</sup> out of 50<sup>th</sup> as one of the safest communities in PA.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Ms. Palik asked how the Enviroscape worked out in May at the SV Jr. High. Mrs. Yerger said an Enviroscape is 3D and is sort of pretend plastic that has roads and things like that. It has a catch basin underneath and you put on the pollutants and let the kids learn all about it and what pollutes and what doesn't, and they get to look at what it does to the groundwater. This was part of our MS4 Education and Outreach. The kids all had a blast and hopefully they learned how things worked. She said they work with a lot of school systems in Bucks County. You can get certain

literature from your conservation district geared at protecting groundwater. Ben Szydlow, our last EAC Jr. Council member actually gave her the information to work with the Jr. High School with the Enviroscape. Ben was great and he actually took pictures so we could post them on the website with the kids interacting with the Enviroscape. We sent them on for our MS4 application. Mr. Germanoski asked if there would be any Jr. Council EAC members this year. Mrs. Yerger said we actually have four applicants who applied and that's great to see.

- Cindy Oatis said she's lived in her house for 16 years and this weekend, within 10 minutes, they had 12 spotted lanternflies. Where did they come from? Mrs. Yerger said they are moving into our area. Ms. Oatis said they are covering her family living room windows. She called the 1-866 number and left a message on the hotline.
- Mr. Boos said this coming Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. the Wildlands Conservancy is having a bike and bites bicycle program going on. They are meeting at the Farmers Market and heading south for an hour or so, and then heading back and hanging out at the Farmers Market.
- Mr. Brian Hillard and Ms. Lynn Rothman from the Bethlehem EAC were present. Mr. Hillard said he met Sandy at Malvern at an EAC networking program. He is trying to get to every EAC and see what the other EAC's do. The last four months he visited EAC's and made spreadsheets of all of them, and will share that with us and give us a list of events. He bought a domain for \$12.00 for an EAC network and is putting a lot of information on it to share with other EAC's. Ms. Stanlick asked if we would be able to google his site. Mr. Billard said he will be able to share his site. He said after last week everyone can see how important stormwater control is. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Billard if they were involved with the LNG plant. Mr. Billard said he hasn't heard anything about it, but he will check it out.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Hijazi moved for adjournment. The time was 7:58 .m.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Beardsley

**ROLL CALL:** 6-0 (Absent – Ms. Laura Ray)

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Sandra B. Yerger, Chair