

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes Meeting

February 8, 2017

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 19:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Members present:** Mike Callahan, Sid Hostetter, Soon Slayman, Rugh Henderson, Megan Detter, John Van Zant, Eva Stahley, Kristen Hovorka, and Jane Popko

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:**

**1/11/2017-** Motion to accept (after edits from John) by Rugh, 2nd by Soon, motion carried

**Correspondence:**

**Board of Supervisors:** None

**Municipal Authority Minutes:** None

**Planning Committee Minutes:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Natural Areas Committee:** (Soon Slayman)

- Landscaping plan for new municipal building – need to review blueprint during office hours (only one copy available); an actual landscaping plan is still in progress and unavailable
- Look at parking plan, infiltration basin and its relation to planting areas
- Mike will contact secretary to determine if blueprint/plan can be made available via PDF attachment
- Rugh suggested that a subgroup arrange to visit the municipal building during office hours to view

**Water Quality Committee:** (John Van Zant)

- Sink hole discussion in SLT – The USGS website has an interactive map of Pennsylvania showing sinkhole and surface depression locations.
- 2017 PA Statewide Conference for Watershed Organizations State College March 5 and 6 – see John for link if interested
- Lebanon County Conservation District (LCCD) is sponsoring the Envirothon for 2017 and is looking for volunteers – High School is April 27 at Middle Creek, Middle School is May 5 at Levitts Park, Elementary School is May 11 at Coleman Park – contact Stephanie Harmon, Watershed Specialist at 717-277-5275 ext. 114 if interested (see the website: [www.lccd.org/education](http://www.lccd.org/education) for additional information)
- Lebanon County Conservation District (LCCD) is having their 2017 tree and plant sale for 2017 – need to order by March 15, 2017 for pick up May 4, 2017 (see their website [www.lccd.org](http://www.lccd.org) for additional information and order form)
- Storm water – Lebanon Daily News (LDN) Lebanon city storm water plan - new requirements for Sept. 2017, MS4 permit (5-year cycle) is costly; considering joint plan with other municipalities; this redo of Chesapeake Bay plan is more challenging; EAC can participate in offering suggestions and providing education

**Agricultural Committee:** None

**Landscaping Committee:** None

**Pipeline Monitoring Committee:** (Megan Detter)

- Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline (ASP) – FERC was to approve by March 30, 2017. Williams requested approval by February 16, 2017 due to bat/bird migratory regulations preventing tree cutting after Mar. 31, 2017. Due to resignation of Norman Bay (effective Feb 3, 2017) quorum would not exist to approve, Williams requested approval by February 3, 2017. Conditional approval granted, but 56 conditions, including surveying, karst

plan, water permits, etc. must be met before any tree cutting can occur. No actual construction till June, 2017, except for tree cutting.

- Mariner East II – opposition continues to exist in south east, PA; Acting Secretary of DEP is to issue permits within the next few weeks.
- Lebanon Pipeline Awareness (LPA) will be presenting an educational forum on pipelines construction at the Lebanon County Municipal Building on Feb. 27, 2017 at 1830. A representative of the Delaware River Keepers will be presenting.

#### **Old Business:**

- a. Review of the EAC natural area inventory
  - i. Efforts to track down old mapping – J.V. Bennett brought the original map to the meeting.
    - Sid, Soon, and Rugh to work on updating this map
    - Additional reference can be found in natural features section of the Township Comprehensive Plan
    - Mike will transfer to GIS after update complete
    - Will revisit in April and then every other month until complete
- b. Township management of Natural Areas
  - i. Review mowing schedule and management (all existing natural areas)
    - need to get copy of mowing schedule, therefore tabled till March meeting
- c. South Londonderry Township Community Garden
  - i. Article and survey poll update
    - Survey resulted in 18 respondents with 14 indicating interest
    - Megan will meet with township manager to update and check out possibility to begin in spring of 2018.
    - Megan will write an article on community gardens will be placed in the next SLT Newsletter (April)
- d. Educational Workshops
  - i. Discuss ideas on potential workshops
    - Storm water/green waste recycling/ organic gardening/ rain gardens/wildflowers
    - Consider Master Gardener Program/ Penn State extension in Lebanon / Delaware Valley University for possible speakers
    - Find links to be placed in next newsletter or EAC section of SLT website

#### **New Business:**

- a. Update of Member Information
  - New member – Kristen Hovorka welcomed at first meeting
  - Jane will check on status of membership spreadsheet to send out as an attachment

#### **Good and Welfare:**

- Manada Conservancy in Hummelstown listed upcoming events relating to the Swatara Greenway and native plant lecture and plant sale in the latest newsletter – see their website for details ([www.manada.org](http://www.manada.org))
- Bee keepers – update on the status honey bees; possible article for next newsletter

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 20:25 by Sid; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rugh; motion carried

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Jane T. Popko**

**Next EAC Meeting:** March 8, 2017 at 19:00