

## MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Environmental Advisory Council  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 - 6:00 PM  
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Doris Clegg, Vice Chairperson  
Robert Uhl  
Gerry Anthony

Supervisors Present: None

Staff Attending: Joseph Geib, Special Projects Coordinator

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gettings called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Public Meeting Room of the Upper Saucon Township Municipal Building, 5500 Camp Meeting Road, Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, PA.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Gettings asked all in attendance to stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance."

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None.

### CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Geib shared the 2018 meeting dates. The Joint meeting dates to meet with the Park and Recreation Commission will be April 17 and November 20.

Mr. Geib shared the information on two upcoming Spotted Lanternfly workshops - both in February. The flyers will be coming out soon.

### DIRECTION / DISCUSSION

#### **Backyard Natural Habitat**

Ms. Clegg noted that we will try and change the frequency of the Backyard Natural Habitat programs for 2018, to help keep consistent attendance. Topics she is investigating include: fall decorating with natural materials, and stargazing. She will look to book the upcoming programs in the coming months.

#### **Electronics Recycling**

Mr. Geib is working with representatives from PSU LV and AERC Recycling to hold the event at Penn State in April.

#### **Lehigh County Farmland Preservation on Bixel Farm**

The Bixels have agreed to sell a farmland conservation easement to Lehigh County, with a subsidy from Upper Saucon Township. The Board of Supervisors approved the purchase at their January 22 meeting.

### **Grant Applications**

Upper Saucon Township is working with Wildlands Conservancy to submit a grant application to DCNR to acquire the Rickert property on South Mountain. This property would add to the Wildlands Conservancy's South Mountain Preserve.

### **Sustainable Community Park Update**

We are still waiting to hear back from USFWS regarding the changes to the plan that would eliminate any disturbance within 300' of the bog turtle habitat.

Upper Saucon Township is looking to meet with the Engineer and staff to discuss phasing of the improvements on the Benckini property.

### **Annual Report**

The Environmental Advisory Council will present their Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors on April 23. The Park and Recreation Commission will also be in attendance to do their presentation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Council, Mr. Gettings adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

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Chairman

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Joseph Geib, Special Projects Coordinator