

Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee

July 27, 2020 – 7:00 PM

ZOOM Videoconference

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Michael Zolkewitz called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.
 - b. The following persons were in attendance: Barry Fetterolf, John S Francis, Dan Dupont, and Michael Zolkewitz. Guests included Nancy Stock-Allen and Barbara Zietchick of the Solebury Township Parks and Recreation Committee
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Michael Z. made a motion to approve the January 27, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan D.
- III. Supervisor Liaison Project Status Update
 - a. John F. shared that the stream restoration work is close to completion
 - b. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, John F. has been unable to meet with the Township Manager to get more specific details on the status of the park but committed to following up on this
- IV. New Business
 - a. Committee Structure
 - i. The committee discussed the possible upcoming resignation of Frank Nassetta from the committee. Michael Z. agreed to act as chair for tonight's meeting.
 - ii. With the stream restoration coming near an end, the group discussed different options for the committee moving forward
 - iii. The group discussed reorganizing the committee to comprise of 3 Parks and Recreation members, 1 Environmental Advisory Committee member, 1 Aquetong Watershed Association member, and 2 unaffiliated community members
 - iv. **NEXT STEP: The committee will resume monthly meetings in September**
 - v. **NEXT STEP: John F. will recommend the restructuring of the committee to the Board of Supervisors and Township Manager**
 - b. Park Safety

- i. Guests Nancy Stock-Allen and Barbara Zietchick shared concerns that the existing signage at the park did not clearly communicate what activities are allowed or prohibited
- ii. Questions were raised regarding liability if visitors are injured at the park. The group would like clarity on the boundaries and ownership of the Spring
- iii. Dan D. shared that several township parks have security cameras installed
- iv. The group discussed researching other similar parks to see what rules they have enforced, and eventually adding signage to reflect those rules
- v. The group will consider writing an article for the Bucks County Herald discussing the status of the park
- vi. **NEXT STEPS: John will discuss the safety concerns and other questions / suggestions with the Township Manager**

c. Stormwater Concerns

- i. Barry F. brought up concerns regarding the Rt. 202 stormwater runoff entering the stream, specifically the temperature of the runoff and the pools of stagnant water
- ii. John F. shared that the runoff is running through a tributary, and the Township has planted trees and shrubs that will lower the temperature once fully grown
- iii. The stormwater component of the project will take place once the stream restoration is complete as part of the TAP Grant
- iv. Barry F. also mentioned that the committee should look into the possibility of creating a conservation easement to protect the park
- v. **NEXT STEPS: John will check with Dennis on the safety measure in place to monitor the performance of the restoration design to ensure the restoration project is working satisfactorily. He will also discuss with Dennis what Princeton Hydro's role will be in the future.**

V. Adjournment

- a. Michael Z. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. The motion was seconded by Dan D.