

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12th, 2017

PRESENT: Ron Moule (Chair), Eric Allen (Vice Chair), Tamara Lesh, Deirdre Alderfer, Hope Blaythorne, John Francis, Barry Fetterolf and Christine Terranova (Administrator)

ABSENT: David Benner and Helen Tai (Liaison)

AUDIENCE: Christy Cheever

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Moule called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14th, 2017

Upon a Motion by John Francis, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting minutes for November 14th, 2017 were unanimously approved with corrections.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Moule briefly reviewed the topics of discussion of the monthly Solebury Farm Committee. He mentioned the strategic plan, the Omnibus ordinance, the latest update on Princeton Hydro's work with the Aquetong Lake and grant money and how to prioritize the needs to the various watersheds.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – None

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deer Management Update

Mr. Allen distributed two handouts to the committee entitled, "Solebury Township Deer Management Program" and "Solebury Township Deer Management Program Application Form". Ms. Blaythorne offered to distribute the handouts to the watershed groups in order to reach out to landowners. Mr. Allen stressed that the Township needs to obtain more property owners to participate in the program.

Aquetong Spring Park

Discussion was delayed until next meeting.

Wild Area Stewardship

It was noted that Bob Wynn would be giving a presentation on the Ash trees at the Board of Supervisors meeting that evening in the other meeting room.

Roadside Spraying

Ms. Lesh contacted the New Hope Ivyland Railroad to inquire about the spraying of pesticides near the railroad tracks.

Ms. Alderfer read the following email to the committee that was posted by the Township on December 8, 2017:

Effective 2017 and with support from the Environmental Advisory Council, Solebury Township is committed to reducing the use of harmful pesticides. The township worked with its consultant to identify safer and more effective alternatives to glyphosate, the chemical used in Roundup, to control the invasive plants at Aquetong Spring Park. Additionally, the township assumed responsibility for maintaining the right of way under the high tension lines along 202 and adjacent to the trail by the Eagle Firehouse that was previously sprayed by PECO. By mowing these areas, the township is able to control the weeds without spraying. On state roads that are maintained by PennDOT, homeowners may submit a [Vegetative Management Permit \(M-688 Permit\)](#) to PennDOT which would allow the homeowner to maintain the roadside for the state. The township has had success using a citrus based spray in the few areas where spraying is necessary (along curbs in some neighborhoods and around bridges.) These actions demonstrate the township's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability.

Green Points for Building

Mr. Francis mentioned that he would have further discussions with the Township Manager concerning the Township being involved with the program.

Recycling at Parks

Ms. Lesh will ask the Township to place trash/recycle bins in appropriate places outside of the Township building for the public's use.

Ms. Cheever stated that she would continue to work with the schools to endorse a recycling program for the students.

The committee would like people to brainstorm on how to improve recycling in Solebury Township and to create some new ideas.

Penn East Pipeline Update

There was a brief discussion on the fracking with the Delaware River.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT -- None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Eric Allen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator