

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 12TH, 2018

PRESENT: Eric Allen (Chair), Barry Fetterolf, Bob McMahon, Tamara Lesh, Christine Terranova (Administrator) and Kevin Morrissey (Liaison).

ABSENT: David Benner, Christy Cheever, Hope Blaythorne and Deirdre Alderfer

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 13th, 2018 and April 10th, 2018

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Tamara Lesh, the meeting minutes for March 13th, 2018 were unanimously approved.

Upon a Motion by Eric Allen, seconded by Barry Fetterolf, the meeting minutes for April 10th, 2018 were unanimously approved with corrections.

III. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Eric Allen, Tamara Lesh was unanimously approved for the position of Vice Chair for the Solebury Township Environmental Advisory Council for the remainder of 2018.

It was noted that Bob McMahon was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as a member of the Solebury Township Environmental Advisory Council.

IV. Announcements

It was announced that a meeting would be held on Thursday, June 14th, 2018 at the Del Val Life Science Building for all interested area EACs to meet and brainstorm.

V. New Business

Kevin Morrissey suggested that EAC come up with some new ideas to add to the EAC agenda. Bob McMahon suggested approaching the New Hope Solebury High School students for suggestions. It was noted to create an environmental interests committee, and to look at other local EACs for their ongoing projects for ideas.

There was a brief discussion concerning the removal of all plastic bags in the community, especially the retail stores and the GIANT food store. EAC would like to approach the GIANT food store to consider using recycling stations in the shopping center and setup a “no plastic” bag policy and charge for bags when needed by a customer. Chair Allen will look into a plastic bag banning in the Township.

Chair Allen suggested creating and planning of gardens for the Aquetong Park.

Vice Chair Lesh suggested that rain barrels be made available by the Township for residents. Barry Fetterolf suggested holding classes to educate people on the use and purpose of rain barrels for the environment.

Barry Fetterolf mentioned that car containers could be considered as a promotional item from the Township to endorse discarding cigarette butts in a more environmentally safe manner.

Discussions will continue on promoting environmental issues within the community.

Vice Chair Lesh volunteered to do further research on salt alternatives for the roads during the winter season.

VI. Discussion Items

Deer Management (Eric Allen and Bob McMahon)

Bob McMahon and Chair Allen are working to promote property owners to volunteer their properties for the program. A meeting will be held in the future to review the program. It was noted that the red tag program in Solebury Township is done. The Township is still involved with the D-map coupon program.

Recycling (Christy Cheever, Tamara Lesh and Deirdre Alderfer)

Christy Cheever has been working with Recycle Across America. A grant has been secured and 800 labels will be donated to the schools to be placed on the bins/cans. She is currently looking into an educational grant to order recycling stations for all schools.

Aquetong Spring Park (Barry Fetterolf and Kevin Morrissey)

A. Invasive control at the park

Barry Fetterolf stated on a positive note that a lot of invasive plantings have died that surround the spring. The fish are still alive and doing well.

The soft opening scheduled for the park has been canceled.

B. Art Park (Hope Blaythorne)

It has been decided to remove this topic from the agenda.

Wild Area Stewardship

A. Riparian Buffer (Hope Blaythorne and Kevin Morrissey)

Liaison Kevin Morrissey suggested removing this topic from the agenda.

B. Diseased Trees (Eric Allen and Kevin Morrissey)

Chair Allen is looking into having an arborist speak to EAC regarding diseased trees.

C. Watershed Management (Hope Blaythorne)

No discussion

VII. Public Comment

There was a brief discussion on a handout distributed by the EAC Administrator regarding the spotted lantern fly.

VIII. Adjournment

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Bob McMahon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator