

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9th, 2016 MEETING

PRESENT: Ron Moule (Chair), Barry Fetterolf (Vice Chair), David Benner, Eric Allen, John Francis, Hope Blaythorne, Deirdre Alderfer, Christine Terranova (EAC Administrator) and Helen Tai (Liaison).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Diane Smith, Bucks County Audubon Society

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

Chair Moule called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Chair Moule welcomed and introduced Deirdre Alderfer as a newly appointed council member.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8th, 2015

Upon a Motion by Hope Blaythorne, seconded by Barry Fetterolf, the meeting minutes for December 8th, 2015 were unanimously approved.

III. Election of Vice Chair

Upon a Motion by Eric Allen, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the Environmental Advisory Council unanimously agreed to nominate Barry Fetterolf as the 2016 Vice Chair of the Solebury Township Environmental Advisory Council.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Moule announced that he would present the Annual EAC Report to the Board of Supervisors at their March 1st, 2016 meeting.

It was noted that the information on the township website regarding the EAC and its members needed to be updated.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Updating on Aquetong Springs Park Committee Meeting

Barry Fetterolf made the following points concerning the progress on the park:

- Trees have been planted
- Possibility of hiring a consultant to plan in making the park habitable
- Stream restoration and develop additional trails
- Watercress is multiplying in growth due to the cold water from the spring

- Make the spring accessible to the public
- Include outside groups to preserve its integrity

Ms. Blaythorne noted that the Aquetong Watershed is monitoring and testing the water from the spring and will continue to do so.

Wild Area Stewardship

Chair Moule briefly reviewed the Land Stewardship Observations and Practices document that was distributed to EAC members. The document will be passed onto the Board of Supervisors for their review. It was suggested that a map would be helpful if added to the document.

Naming of four unnamed creeks in Solebury Township

In naming a creek, it is helpful in obtaining grants for support of that particular waterway including ongoing maintenance issues. Ms. Blaythorne is in the process of referencing the unnamed creeks on a map. It has been suggested to open it up to the public for suggestions of creek names.

Proposed cleanup day in April, 2016

At this time, the Aquetong Watershed and Primrose Watershed have set a date of April 9th for their designated cleanup day. Pidcock Creek Watershed, Bowman's Hill, Carversville and Lumberville have not set a date.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Tuscarora and Ely Roads

It was noted that on-going testing is done in this area, and that DEP and EPA must be kept "in the loop" on any issues that occur.

Chair Moule suggested that EAC come up with specific recommendations in keeping control of the situation. Concerns of oil seeping into the Aquifers and what have other townships done to address any similar issues? Chair Moule has offered to do an inquiry on the situation.

General Topics for 2016

- Farmland Preservation & promoting Agriculture (sustainable)
- Quarry – Board of Supervisors handling now
- Fracking – Board of Supervisors handling now
- Deer Management
- Promoting Renewable Energy
- Stormwater Outreach and Education
- Promote Energy Efficiency of residents and Township Infrastructure

- Encourage bicycle/pedestrian walking
- Reduce solid waste/promote recycling
- No mow, native plantings, basin maintenance, scenic buffers and riparian buffer
- Road salt

Submit new suggestions by September, 2016 in order to possibly work with the next year's budget. Be sure to include the objective, scope, deliverables, timeframe and cost for each suggestion.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Smith, Bucks County Audubon Society, invited EAC to participate in the Earth Day festival on April 16th, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an information table.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator