

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11th, 2016 MEETING

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

ABSENT: David Benner

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 13th, 2016

Upon a Motion by Eric Allen, seconded by John Francis, the meeting minutes for September 13th, 2016 were unanimously approved with changes.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Moule and Deirdre Alderfer will do a presentation on roadside spraying and deer management at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on Tuesday, October 18th, 2016.

Primrose Creek Watershed Association will hold their sixth annual membership meeting on Monday, October 17th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Solebury Township building.

Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council will hold their third annual Fall Speaker Series entitled, "Restoring Nature's Relationships" by Dr. Doug Tallamy on Thursday, October 27th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Life Science Building Auditorium, 700 East Butler Avenue, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

Ron Moule announced that he has been appointed to the Solebury Township Farm Committee along with Brian Smith (Solebury Orchards), Katlin Farbatnik, Buz Teacher, Stephen Phillips, Tim Luccaro and Graham Phillips.

Helen Tai announced that the township is looking for adult volunteers to plant trees on November 5th, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until noontime at Aquetong Spring.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion concerning the Delaware Canal towpath. The pumping of the water has stopped and numerous dead fish have created a strong odor along River Road. Deirdre Alderfer volunteered to call and find out what happened and what is being done to resolve the issue.

Recycling

At Solebury Day, someone inquired about recycling availability at the township parks. Dudley Rice, Solebury Township Parks and Recreation Director, provided to EAC some information from neighboring townships on recycle containers in their parks. Dudley mentioned that out of the eleven township that he had contacted, nine townships have recycle containers and two do not recycle. Of the nine townships that have recycle containers, six have their public works department personnel sort and separate the recycle material; three townships just empty all containers in the trash without sorting. Dudley also mentioned the trash haulers will not take the recycle container if they see that the container has contaminated material mixed in with the recycle material.

It was noted that this topic would be added as an agenda item starting in November.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on Aquetong Spring Park Committee Meeting

October 17th, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. the committee will meet with six firms that have submitted bids for the park. Each bidder will give a presentation for assessment of the park. Supervisor Jim Searing has been appointed as liaison for the committee.

Solebury Day

If anyone should have any feedback or comments concerning Solebury Day, they should direct them to the Park and Recreation committee.

Wild Area Stewardship

The meeting that was originally scheduled with the Forrester will be rescheduled to sometime in November. The Forrester will provide information to the committee once the land (designated areas) is assessed for environmental issues.

Roadside Spraying DEP Black Fly Program

It was determined that very little spraying is done along the roadsides in Solebury Township, it is more of a spot spraying. Deirdre Alderfer met with the Township Manager, Dennis Carney, and he offered to contact other municipalities to find out what they use as a roadside spray. Dennis will contact Deirdre at a later date concerning this matter.

BTI is being used to rid the black flies (nats). It was noted that additional studies will be needed to support the issue. Deirdre suggested using "Weed Zap" herbicide.

Green Points for Approval

John Francis will follow up with the Doylestown Township program to see if there has been any changes to their system. John will also contact the Solebury Township Building Inspector, Matt Wojaczyk, to discuss the green points system.

Deer Management

Ron Moule will do a presentation regarding the deer management program before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, October 18th, 2016.

It was felt that lime disease is another issue that needs to be addressed as an awareness to the deer hunters and residents.

It was noted that the Pennsylvania Game Commission will give Solebury Township an additional 500 hunting tags.

The council narrowed three choices for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in the following order (#1 being the most popular) for the deer management program:

1. BOWMA Program – There would be a \$10 fee for BOWMA and an additional fee for hunting in Solebury Township)
2. Current Program
3. USDA Program – The program was initially started with the USDA involved for one hunting season. The Township would need an estimated cost to start up the program again.

Upon a Motion by Ron Moule, seconded by Deirdre Alderfer, Solebury Township Environmental Advisory Council unanimously recommend one of the three choices of a program (#1 being the most popular), or the combination thereof, for the deer management program for consideration by the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors as follows:

- 1. BOWMA Program**
- 2. Current program already in place**
- 3. USDA Program**

Bamboo Ordinance

The final draft of the bamboo ordinance has been passed onto the supervisors for their review and approval.

Stormwater Education and Outreach

Ron Moule is in the process of collecting the requested information for the Township Engineer, Bob Wynn.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator