

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MAY 9TH, 2017 MEETING

PRESENT: Ron Moule (Chair), Barry Fetterolf, Hope Blaythorne, Deirdre Alderfer, Tamara Lesh, David Benner, Helen Tai (Liaison) and Christine Terranova (Administrator)

ABSENT: John Francis, Eric Allen

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 11th, 2017

Upon a Motion by Ron Moule, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting minutes for April 11th, 2017 were unanimously approved with changes.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Moule announced that the Farm Committee will do an updated presentation before the Board of Supervisors at their July 18th meeting. Chair Moule stated that there was a brief discussion with the Township Manager, Dennis Carney, and Township Police Chief Bellizzie regarding farm equipment on the public roads and enforcement to the public when driving near and around the farm equipment on the roadways. An on-line survey has been drafted for farmers who may be uncomfortable disclosing issues. The Farm Committee would like to discuss property easements with the conservancies. The committee would like the Zoning Ordinance definition of a farm house to determine if an existing building on a property can be used as a “farm house”. The next meeting of the Farm Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th, 2017.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2017 Priorities

The following are the EAC 2017 Action Plan topics:

- Deer Management – Eric Allen
- Aquetong Spring Park Update – Barry Fetterolf
- Aquetong Invasive Removal and Control
- Land Stewardship – Hope Blaythorne/Barry Fetterolf
- Renewable Energy (Green Building) – John Francis
- Roadside Spraying
- Recycling – Deirdre Alderfer/Tammy Lesh
- Stormwater, Riparian Buffers, etc.
- Reduce Solid Waste & Recycling – Deirdre Alderfer

- Bicycling and Walking Infrastructure (Park & Rec) Update – Tammy Lesh
- Incorporation of Wild Areas
- Road Salt Alternatives – Ron Moule
- BMP's (Best Management Practices) for woodlots
- Farm Committee Update – Ron Moule
- Penn East Pipeline Update – Deirdre Alderfer
- Watershed Updates

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deer Management Update

It was noted that a concern with the deer management would be a solution to prevent people from feeding the deer on their property.

Aquetong Spring Park Committee Update

The stream has been stocked with fifty Brook Trout fish.

- A. Committee Update
Princeton Hydro will attend the May 22nd Aquetong Spring Advisory Meeting.
- B. Invasive Control at the Park
David Benner spoke about using black plastic to kill the invasive species; cut it first then place the plastic.

Liaison Tai felt that a presentation before the Board of Supervisors would be the most effective method to support alternatives on spraying near the spring at the park. Ron Moule and Dave Benner volunteered to do a three-minute presentation on options on spraying in the park.

Wild Area Stewardship

Ms. Blaythorne presented action items to discuss wild area stewardship. Here are the action items mentioned:

1. Follow up on Stewardship Plan
2. Actions to take regarding Stream Buffer
3. Determine how we want to approach the ash tree issue

Ms. Blaythorne also distributed to the committee an observation list concerning North Pointe, Cuttalossa and Laurel Road.

Roadside Spraying

Ms. Alderfer presented a handout to committee members for review and discussion entitled, "Roadside Spraying Wrap-Up". Ms. Alderfer will draft a letter to Hannah Brubaker, Executive Director of PASA, not in support of roadside spraying.

Green Points for Building

Tabled until next month.

Recycling at Parks

Ms. Lesh was not in attendance but sent an email to committee members concerning recycling and leaf disposal. She contacted her HOA (Peddler's View) on the issue of leaf disposal. She confirmed that the current trash hauler disposes of leaf waste as trash, not recyclable material. She was advised that the HOA is working on a new contract with the present trash hauler or a new trash hauler, and is working on language to ensure the hauler complies with the Solebury Township recycling ordinance.

Ms. Lesh did a tour of the New Hope High School and noticed that the recycle bin and garbage bin were not placed near each other which may be helpful to the students. It was felt more recycling signage was needed throughout the school. Due to the on-going construction on the campus, it appeared that nothing was being followed properly with recycling.

Ms. Lesh and Ms. Alderfer volunteered to draft a recycling plan.

Earth Day Cleanup

It was noted that the Earth Day Cleanup was successful.

Penn East Pipeline Update

Ms. Terranova distributed copies of an article printed in The Bucks County Herald entitled, "Penn East Pipeline fate uncertain; N.J. water permit application incomplete" for discussion.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Hope Blaythorne, seconded by Ron Moule, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator