

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JULY 11TH, 2017 MEETING

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

ABSENT: Barry Fetterolf

AUDIENCE: Christy Sheever

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

Chair Moule called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 9th, 2017

Upon a Motion by Ron Moule, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting minutes for May 9th, 2017 were unanimously approved with changes.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effective immediately, DEP notified New Hope Crushed Stone to cease mining. The quarry could appeal if they choose to do so. It was felt to be a significant step in this process.

Tuscarora Oil Spill Remediation

Recently, after discussions with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Shell Oil agreed to participate in Act 2, a voluntary program to remediate the Tuscarora oil spill. While this is a step in the right direction, the township is concerned that the proposal does not go nearly far enough and does not seem to address the root cause. A review of Shell's notice of intent to remediate indicates that the remediation may not be sufficiently rigorous. E.g., they are conducting remediation only on the Hal Clark Park parcel, which is only one affected area and is not the source of the problem. Additionally, they are choosing to use Site Specific Standards, rather than the more stringent Statewide Health Standard.

Act 2 allows the Township and affected residents to be involved in the development of the remediation and reuse plans for a site. We would like Shell to address the entire affected area AND to remediate the root cause, not just smells generated by the oil. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to have the township administration, solicitor and engineer involved in the development of the remediation and reuse plans to help ensure that the remediation will be done correctly.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2017 Priorities

The following are the EAC 2017 Action Plan topics (a few changes have been noted from the previous EAC meeting):

- 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

The ten month deer management program would run from July 1st until May 15th of the following year. Fifty-one properties have signed up with the township to be a part of the program.

Mr. Allen suggested that all subcommittees meet again to give everyone involved an update on the program.

Ms. Tai offered to contact the administrator for an update on the program.

Aquetong Spring Park

A. Committee Update

Mr. Fetterolf was absent from the meeting for comment.

B. Invasive control at the park

Discussion continues regarding the proper herbicide to be used to support the

most ecological choice for spraying.

Wild Area Stewardship

Ms. Blaythorne and Mr. Benner will meet to observe the ash trees in the park.

Roadside Spraying – No Comment

Green Points for Building

Mr. Francis met with the Township Manager, Dennis Carney. Mr. Carney mentioned that the Green Points Program would add another layer onto the building review by offering another benefit. It was suggested to have someone speak to the public about the program and about the benefits for the property owners. It was also noted for the township to provide educational publications for the public. Mr. Francis will be meeting with Mr. Carney again to continue the discussion.

Recycling at Parks

Ms. Lesh stated she would be meeting the next day with the New Hope Solebury School to make suggestions what the school could incorporate into the renovation of the school regarding recycling.

Penn East Pipeline Update – No Comment

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lesh motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator