

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

**PRESENT:** Eric Allen (Chair), Tamara Lesh (Vice Chair), Deirdre Alderfer, William Birnes, Barry Fetterolf, Kevin Morrissey (Liaison) and Christine Terranova (Administrator).

**ABSENT:** Christy Cheever and Hope Blaythorne

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 minutes will be reviewed for approval at the next EAC meeting.**

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS -- None**

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Wild Area Stewardship** (Hope Blaythorne)

Ms. Blaythorne was not in attendance to give an update.

**Plastic Regulation**

Ms. Lesh stated that she was able to reach out to Doylestown Borough regarding a survey to the residents regarding the reduction of the use of plastics. The survey included various questions concerning the use of plastics such as plastic bags, plastic straws and Styrofoam cups.

There was a brief discussion on enforcing a fee on the use of bags. The committee can still continue to set a plan of action. The first step will be to draft a survey to local businesses and residents. The survey would include the question to support dry cleaning businesses or not. The deadline to complete the survey would be mid-January (1/15) once Ms. Lesh acquires information from Doylestown on how they drafted their survey. The suggestion was to focus first on plastics. Another thought was to make the

Recycle Forum as an annual meeting to keep in touch with the residents of the community.

### **Deer Management** (Eric Allen)

Chair Allen stated that the total amount of deer killed to date is approximately 100 and eight new properties have signed up to be a part of the program.

It was suggested that Nate Spence, with the USDA, approach surrounding townships concerning the deer program. Mr. Morrissey stated he would check with Nate to discuss this suggestion.

### **Recycling** (Christy Cheever, Tamara Lesh and Deirdre Alderfer)

Ms. Cheever was not in attendance to give any update.

### **Adopt A Highway** (Christy Cheever)

Ms. Cheever was not in attendance to give any update.

### **Environmental Restoration**

This is a new topic for discussion on how to preserve the environment for the future. Any suggestions to the EAC would be gladly welcomed.

Chair Allen will contact Miles Arnott, with Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, for any suggestions that may be helpful for discussion. Chair Allen will also contact Heidi Shiver and Diane Smith, with Bucks County Audubon Society, for any suggestions that may be helpful for discussion.

### **Dark Sky Ordinance** (Hope Blaythorne)

Ms. Blaythorne was not in attendance to give any update.

Prior to the meeting, Ms. Blaythorne emailed a brochure to the committee entitled, "Model Lighting Ordinance (MLO) with User's Guide (June 15,2011)", to be discussed at the meeting. Chair Allen suggested that everyone read through the booklet and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Liaison Morrissey stated that the Township is currently reviewing its lighting ordinance in hopes to update/revise the ordinance and that suggestions were welcome.

Chair Allen stated he would reach out to other local EAC's to see what they have in place for lighting in their communities.

#### **VI. Public Comment**

None

#### **VII. Adjournment**

**Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Terranova  
EAC Administrator