

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 MEETING

**PRESENT:** Ron Moule (Chair), Hope Blaythorne, Eric Allen, Christine Terranova (Administrator), Helen Tai (Liaison), Deirdre Alderfer (conference call) and Bob Wynn (Township Engineer)

**ABSENT:** Barry Fetterolf, David Benner and John Francis

**I. OPENING OF MEETING:**

Chair Moule called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Upon a Motion by Eric Allen, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting minutes for July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were unanimously approved.**

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS -- None**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Moule introduced the Township Engineer, Bob Wynn to speak regarding the MS4 stormwater requirements including educational interests and issues of public participation. Bob mentioned that some of the components related to the stormwater requirements were construction site runoff, a post-construction management system and to be aware of periodic housekeeping. Bob is currently working on a progress report for Solebury Township but struggles with educational interests and issues of public participation. It was noted that a Notice of Intent by Solebury Township would be required for submission in March, 2018 and would include a pollution reduction plan (this would be addressed at future EAC meetings).

It was suggested to hold a public meeting regarding the activity with waterways and include a discussion concerning MS4 stormwater requirements.

Bob requested that EAC create a two year progress report of what has been accomplished by the committee through September 30, 2016 relative to stormwater, detention basins, reducing fertilization and any articles that have been published in The Messenger. Bob asked for support to show education and public participation on time spent on educational interests.

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Update on Aquetong Spring Park Committee Meeting – No update was given

Wild Area Stewardship and Partnering with Parks & Recreation Committee –  
Hope Blaythorne presented the following information:

Township Properties: Cuttalloosa and North Pointe

1. Determine major conservation and safety concerns.  
**Action Item:**  
Setup time in September for Forester to visit the properties (9/19/16 at 9:00 a.m.)  
Yearly tree review via EAC to determine any hazardous trees to pedestrian areas (early October)
  - Look for Ash trees and the Emerald Ash Boar bug
  - Die-back and root system exposure
  - Any trees close to trails that may need to be removed
2. Review and evaluate what is a priority and reasonable for township to undertake.  
**Action Item:**  
Tree Trimming  
Tree replanting upon storms  
Tree clean up after storms
3. Meet with State Forester and Parks & Recreation to develop conservation goals.  
EAC met with Heather and were given insight into what could be done.  
EAC will further their discussion when meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> to visit the sites.

Main conservation goals for Cuttalloosa and North Pointe:

- Stream and wetlands conservation
  - Cuttalloosa – stream protection
  - North Pointe – tree loss – replant in wetland areas
  - Both areas: Invasive species review and no spray/chemicals in the area
4. Determine what level of access the public should have to enjoy the investment the township has made on their behalf and develop appropriate signage:  
  
Cuttalloosa – Parking designation, possible trail next to the stream  
North Pointe – Park signage exists, limited parking
  5. Present recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

Roadside Spraying

The Township Solicitor, Jordan Yeager, guided Matt Wojaczyk (Township Building Inspector/Zoning Official) and Dennis Carney (Township Manager) to review the sign ordinance for the usage of signs on the prevention of spraying.

Handouts regarding roadside spraying will be available at the EAC booth on Solebury Day.

Naming of four Unnamed Creeks in Solebury Township – No update was given

Green Points for Approval – No update was given

### Deer Management

The Township is asking for property owners to sign up to allow hunters to hunt on their property to help in expanding the program.

Eric Allen mentioned he would contact the BOWMA group for additional information concerning their organization and its process. It was suggested to reach out to Upper Makefield Township to ask for their opinion on working with BOWMA in their community.

Mr. Allen announced that a deer management meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with Scott Petri and Chuck McIlhinney had a very positive response. There will be another meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, at the Township building with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Helen Tai, Ron Moule, Paul Cosdon and Kevin Morrissey.

### Bamboo Ordinance

Chair Moule suggested that EAC do a comparison of bamboo ordinances from surrounding townships in hopes to gather the following information:

- Why the concern of bamboo growth
- How to control bamboo
- Any basic provisions that each township may have for bamboo growth
- What are, if any, the suggestions for bamboo

Chair Moule will combine his information and present his findings at the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 concerning bamboo.

### Solebury Day Planning

The Solebury Day event will be on September 17<sup>th</sup>, rain date September 18<sup>th</sup>. EAC would like to provide handouts at the booth regarding:

- Leaf Collection/composting
- How to protect yourself and property from roadside spraying
- Deer Management information to promote cooperation with hunters
- Bamboo

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a Motion by Eric Allen, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Terranova  
EAC Administrator