

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JANUARY 10th, 2017 MEETING

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

ABSENT: Helen Tai (Liaison)

AUDIENCE: David Benner (Honorary Lifetime EAC Member) and Robert McMahon (new resident at 5926 Stovers Mill Road)

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13th, 2016

Upon a Motion by Hope Blaythorne, seconded by Eric Allen, the meeting minutes for December 13th, 2016 were unanimously approved with changes.

III. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by John Francis, the Environmental Advisory Council appointed Eric Allen as Vice Chair of the Solebury Township Environmental Advisory Council.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Moule was appointed as the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council for 2017 by the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors.

David Benner's Lifetime Honorary Award will be presented to him at the February 7th, 2017 Board of Supervisors' meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There will be a presentation at the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 17, 2017 regarding reports provided by two zoning and geology consultants, Jay Parrish and Tom Daniels, evaluating the consequences of hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") and recommended steps the Township might take to protect our natural resources.

It was noted that some townships would possibly consider fracking in specific locations within their municipalities.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deer Management

The Township administration and residents who meet to discuss deer management will continue to meet as a working group and continue to promote property owners to participate in the program to allow hunters to hunt on their property. The communication with McIlhinney's office will continue in hopes of support to help resolve deer management issues. It was hopeful that the township would work to have an unlimited number of permits and that hunting be allowed on Sundays in the future. It was noted that 39 properties are involved with the deer program which equals approximately 1,200 acres.

Bamboo Ordinance

Committee members mentioned that activity has been seen throughout the township with people addressing the removal of the bamboo on their properties.

Mr. Benner volunteered to draft an article on how to remove bamboo step-by-step from resident's property.

Update on Aquetong Spring Park Committee Meeting

The committee did not meet in December.

Wild Area Stewardship – No comment

Roadside Spraying DEP Black Fly Program

It was noted that residents should be more aware and sensitive in using harmful chemicals on their properties.

Green Points for Approval

Mr. Francis will put together a proposal for review by EAC. The point system will grant a reduction to a resident's permit fee once the Green Points system is approved by the township.

Stormwater Education and Outreach

It was suggested that classes be offered to educate residents within the township on stormwater management.

Recycling

Ms. Alderfer volunteered to draft an article to promote recycling within the township and local schools.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by John Francis, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator