

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2019

PRESENT: Eric Allen (Chair), Tamara Lesh (Vice Chair), Christy Cheever, Barry Fetterolf, William Birnes, Robert McEwan (Liaison, sitting in for Kevin Morrissey) and Christine Terranova (Administrator).

ABSENT: Hope Blaythorne, Deirdre Alderfer and Kevin Morrissey (Liaison)

I. OPENING OF MEETING

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9th, 2019

Upon a Motion by William Birnes, seconded by Barry Fetterolf, the meeting minutes for July 9th, 2019 were unanimously approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 10th at the New Hope Borough Hall there will be a forum regarding plastic reduction.

October 10th the Aquetong Watershed will be holding their annual meeting.

Lambertville Environmental Commission is seeking nominations for its first-ever Green Innovator Award. The award is being launched in connection with the city's "Ditching Disposables" initiative.

Liaison McEwan announced that the supervisors will be meeting to discuss grants for solar panels for the public works building. Mr. Allen stated he will be attending the meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Solebury Township Planning Commission will review a Sketch Plan for the Heritage Senior Living Facility (6554 Lower York Road) at their meeting on October 14th. The

applicant is proposing the development of a three-story senior long-term care facility, Urgent Care facility and retail space.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Wild Area Stewardship (Hope Blaythorne)

Ms. Blaythorne was not in attendance to comment.

Mr. Birnes stated that he attended the Primrose Creek Watershed meeting which focused on the New Hope Crushed Stone Quarry. A video was presented at the meeting that showed footage of the quarry and what is currently being done on the property.

Plastic Regulation

There was a brief discussion regarding the draft letter addressed to Hon. Wendi Thomas and Hon. Steven Santarsiero concerning a voluntary plastics program. EAC wanted to know if the letter will be presented to the Board of Supervisors to request it to be sent to Representative Thomas and Representative Santarsiero. It was noted that the draft letter would be placed on next month's agenda for review.

It was noted that the State of Pennsylvania has stopped plastic bans at this time.

Ms. Lesh will submit the draft letter for the supervisors to review and comment. There should be a follow up after the letter is reviewed and whether to reach out to commercial properties on plastic bans.

At this time, EAC would like to ask for voluntary actions on plastic bans even though the State has stopped all plastic bans. Ms. Lesh suggested approaching the supervisors for EAC to do a survey to encourage the public concerning plastics bans.

Deer Management (Eric Allen)

Solebury Township has hired an individual from the USDA, Nate Spence, to continue working the deer management program with Solebury residents and hunters.

Recycling and Recycle Forum (Christy Cheever, Tamara Lesh and Deirdre Alderfer)

There was a brief discussion regarding a flyer that Radnor Township drafted and included in their tax bills to residents regarding recycling of materials.

EAC would like to compose a list for residents to cover what can/cannot be recycled and what **not** to include in recycling materials.

Ms. Cheever will try to arrange a trash field trip to tour the trash companies that would be available.

Ms. Lesh and/or Ms. Cheever will reach out to New Hope Solebury Schools for feedback on how the recycling program is currently working as the grant requires feedback on the progress of the program.

Adopt A Highway (Christy Cheever)

Ms. Cheever is still trying to find an area on a local highway to adopt for the EAC. She was able to find an area on Route 202 that could be adopted as well as a 2.1 mile stretch of roadway on Fleecydale Road which is between Carversville Road and River Road. She is also checking into an area from Aquetong Road to New Hope Borough on Route 202.

EAC + Conceptual Plans for 202 Corridor

It was suggested that EAC members attend the next Solebury Township October Planning Commission meeting as a sketch plan for the Heritage Senior Living Facility (6554 Lower York Road) is on the agenda. The applicant is proposing the development of a three-story senior long-term care facility, Urgent Care facility and retail space.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Adjournment

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator