

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MARCH 27th, 2019

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

ABSENT: Hope Blaythorne and David Benner

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 28th, 2019

Upon a Motion by Deirdre Alderfer, seconded by Christy Cheever, the meeting minutes for February 28th, 2019 were unanimously approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Morrissey announced he will be requesting the Board of Supervisors at the Tuesday evening meeting to endorse Dennis Carney to coordinate an e-waste event. Township staff has accomplished the initial research to identify a vendor we can work with to provide this service. It is hopeful that it will occur in the spring or early summer.

Chair Allen announced he would be meeting with the Audubon Society to setup a dialog for any common ground interests.

IV. NEW BUSINESS -- None

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deer Management (Eric Allen)

Liaison Kevin Morrissey presented the latest survey memo from Carey Furlo, Wildlife Biologist, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, deer density survey to estimate the white-tailed deer population in the Township after the close of all normal sport-hunting seasons for 2018-19. Page two of the memo points out the increasing population of the deer over more than ten years. It was noted that fawning during May and June of 2019

may increase the population and resulting density observed in 2020 surveys by a minimum of 30%.

Chair Allen stated there is strong need to get more aggressive on promoting hunters and property owners volunteering their properties for hunters to hunt.

Mr. Morrissey stated that the supervisors continue and will continue to discuss this matter because stronger action needs to be taken.

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

Ms. Cheever spoke with Patty Lynne, who handles recycling for the Bucks County Planning Commission.

The following are some thoughts for the forum:

- Accomplishment: Resource Reduction – additional topic for the forum, Ms. Lynne would be happy to do a presentation on this topic.
- Possibly have a larger hauler to present.
- Possibly have a smaller hauler to present.
- Main goal is to educate people on what and how to recycle.

It was noted that Leck, a trash hauling company, could be approached to do an organized presentation with slides.

It was determined by the Council to designate Tuesday, June 11th, at 7:00 p.m. for the Recycle Forum to be held at the school or firehouse. Ms. Cheever will be the host/presenter for the Forum.

Banning of Plastic and Plastic Usages (Tamara Lesh)

Chair Allen stated that Township Solicitor Jordan Yeager will attend the next EAC meeting to discuss the process in developing a proposal for plastics regulations in Solebury Township, making improvements as the process develops.

It was noted to start with guidelines first (voluntary limited period of time prior to drafting the ordinance) and then ease into an ordinance. There should be an enforced penalty fee for the use of plastic bags, plastic straws and Styrofoam cups and possibly a credit for using your own bags.

Liaison Morrissey suggested for the Council to create a list of ideas on banning plastic and plastic usages to approach the supervisors. The Council was in agreement to put together a list within a week.

Ms. Cheever mentioned there was an “A to Z” link of what to do with recyclables that has been created by the Bucks County Planning Commission. Mr. Morrissey suggested putting the link on the Solebury Township website.

Aquetong Spring Park (Barry Fetterolf)

Chair Allen read an email from Supervisor John Francis which is a plan for the development of the park. Princeton Hydro will be attending the next Aquetong Spring Park meeting.

Mr. Fetterolf would like feedback on putting Brook Trout in the stream and would like to reserve a portion of the stream to conduct some other activity for the public (ex. fly-fishing for children).

It was noted to remove this topic off next month’s agenda.

Cleanup Day Program

April 6th – Audubon Cleanup along canal

April 13th – Aquetong Watershed Cleanup

It was noted that EAC is interested in adopting a stretch of highway under the Adopt A Highway Program. Ms. Cheever volunteered to send out an email of choices of portions of highways from a map that PennDOT has on-line. The commitment is for two years.

It was noted to add the topic “Adopt A Highway” to next month’s agenda.

Wild Area Stewardship (Hope Blaythorne)

Ms. Blaythorne was absent from the meeting.

VI. Public Comment

Ms. Alderfer inquired what is currently going on with the Tuscarora oil issue.

Mr. Morrissey stated that the Board of Supervisors is actively talking with the DEP, EPA and Exxon on the cleanup.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator