

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 5th, 2019**

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

ABSENT: William J. Birnes and David Benner

I. OPENING OF MEETING

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 9th, 2019

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Eric Allen, the meeting minutes for April 9th, 2019 were unanimously approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was noted that the Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council will be holding an EAC Summit on June 12th at 7 p.m. at the Delaware Valley College.

The Solebury Township Board of Supervisors is convening a special forum on recycling on Tuesday, June 11th, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Township Building. Topics for the June 11th discussion include the importance of recycling, how single-stream recycling works, and how Township residents can best recycle their trash.

Representatives from the Township, Solebury's Environmental Advisory Council, Bucks County's Recycling Department and waste recycling vendors will be on hand to give presentations and participate in a question and answer session.

Ms. Blaythorne announced that the July 9th EAC meeting will review an update on all the township watersheds.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – None

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Plastic Regulation

Topics to consider when drafting a recycling regulations ordinance:

- Ban/fee enforcement
- Restrictions on foam, plastic straws and foam cups
- Address recycling of paper
- Do not exempt the State
- Paper bag fee – bag should be recyclable; any other bag should be banned
- Dry cleaning bags
- Regulate the use of paper bags according to the Philadelphia ordinance

The following is the draft EAC recommendations for consideration of Solebury Supervisors regarding regulation of plastics:

Upon a Motion by Eric Allen, seconded by Deirdre Alderfer, the Environmental Advisory Council unanimously recommends that the Board of Supervisors regulate the commercial distribution of single-use plastic carry-out bags, dry cleaning bags, plastic straws, and polystyrene cups and food containers with the following exceptions:

- Newspaper bags; and
- Bags used inside a retail establishment by a customer to deliver perishable items to the point-of-sale at that establishment, such as: to package bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, or candy; to contain or wrap meats or fish; to contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods; or to contain or wrap flowers, potted plants, or similar items.

Commercial establishments that distribute single-use plastic carry-out bags should be required to collect a \$0.15 charge for each single-use plastic carry-out bag or recyclable paper bag provided to a customer and retain the proceeds.

Commercial establishments should be permitted to distribute plastic bags that are 2.25 mils thick or greater (which are not to be considered single-use plastic carry-out bags).

The criteria for recyclable paper bags should be:

- 100% recyclable;
- Contains no old growth fiber;
- Contains a minimum of 40% post-consumer recycled content; and

- **Displays the word “Recyclable” in a highly visible manner on the outside of the bag, and the percentage of post-consumer recycled content in an easy to read format.**

Commercial establishments should be prohibited from distributing plastic straws, and polystyrene cups and food containers.

The program should be introduced as a voluntary program, to be formally adopted as a mandatory program after 1 year.

Deer Management (Eric Allen)

Mr. Allen stated that the Township will be hiring a part-time, USDA co-administrator to work with the hunters. The individual will work twenty hours per week to coordinate and handle the hunters and property owners.

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

Mr. Allen extended his thanks to Christy Cheever for her hard work and planning of the presentation.

Adopt A Highway – Nothing to report at this time

Wild Area Stewardship (Hope Blaythorne)

Ms. Blaythorne reported that the quarry has stopped blasting.

Mr. Morrissey stated that DEP has told the Board of Supervisors that reclamation will be done by the end of the week.

VI. Public Comment -- None

VII. Adjournment

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator