# SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

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

**ABSENT:** Hope Blaythorne

#### I. OPENING OF MEETING

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

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Upon a Motion by Deirdre Alderfer, seconded by Tamara Lesh, the meeting minutes for June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were unanimously approved.

#### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

George Calaba, Jr., the Park Manager for DCNR will be retiring and the position is currently open.

Ms. Terranova noted a comment from a resident, Irene Trindle, regarding the Recycle Forum saying it was a good event but felt the township needed someone else on the panel to present about other issues other than plastics that are going into the environment; speak more about polar fleece; speak more about ground water issues; speak more about the ocean issues with trash and more publicity should be extended to the school system and students to reinforce recycling materials.

Chair Allen did handout the recycling draft ordinance which was well received.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Allen attended an EAC Forum at Delaware Valley College on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone talked specifically about what they are currently working on within their own community. The following topics were also discussed:

- Burn ban No leaf burning
- Forming a regional EAC panel involving all local EACS
- Deer Management with participation of other EAC's to move forward and more affective

### V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

## Wild Area Stewardship (Hope Blaythorne)

Ms. Blaythorne was ill and did not attend the EAC meeting to present the Watershed Forum. It was decided to postpone and reschedule the forum.

## **Plastic Regulation**

There was a lengthy discussion regarding a draft resolution to be presented to the Board of Supervisors next week. This will lay the ground work to encourage the community to be concerned about plastics. Next step would be to send the resolution to government representatives and distribute to political parties supporting the plastics companies. The discussion continued regarding the community to switch over to biodegradables or paper bags.

Ms. Lesh volunteered to draft a letter to Senator Santasiero and Representative Thomas regarding the regulation of the use of single-use plastics, reusable plastics, auxiliary containers, wrappings and polystyrene containers.

Chair Allen and Mr. Fetterolf will start identifying local businesses to approach on paper bag use and recyclable containers.

**Deer Management** (Eric Allen) –Nothing to report at this time.

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 a well-organized presentation.

It was suggested to add a recycling flyer to the 2020 Solebury Township tax bills and an outline of basic rules for recycling on the Solebury Township website.

## **Adopt A Highway**

It was noted that EAC has to decide on a portion of a highway in Solebury Township to adopt and maintain. It was suggested that a section of Route 202 near Logan Square is a possibility for adoption. Ms. Cheever volunteered to look into the matter.

## EAC + Conceptual Plans for 202 Corridor

Ms. Alderfer suggested having an EAC member involved in the group that will be reviewing the conceptual plans for the 202 Corridor.

Ms. Lesh volunteered to be the EAC liaison for the 202 Proposal Committee.

Upon a Motion by Eric Allen, seconded by Deirdre Alderfer, the EAC unanimously approved for Tamara Lesh to be the EAC liaison at the 202 Proposal Committee meetings.

#### VI. Public Comment

It was suggested to ask the Board of Supervisors if Solebury Township would consider a municipal trash hauler.

# VII. Adjournment

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Terranova EAC Administrator