

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JANUARY 9TH, 2018

PRESENT: Eric Allen, Tamara Lesh, Hope Blaythorne, Barry Fetterolf, Christy Cheever, Bob McMahon, Kevin Morrissey (Liaison) and Christine Terranova (Administrator)

ABSENT: David Benner, Ron Moule and Deirdre Alderfer

I. OPENING OF MEETING

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 12th, 2017

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting minutes for December 12th, 2017 were unanimously approved with corrections.

III. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the Solebury Township Environmental Advisory Council unanimously nominated Ron Moule as Vice Chair to the Council for 2018.

Chair Allen thanked Mr. Moule for his service as Chair for the council and being one of the most productive Chairs in doing a stellar job for the Environmental Advisory Council. John Francis has taken a position with the Zoning Hearing Board and wish him all the best in his new endeavors. Chair Allen welcomed Christy Cheever and Bob McMahon to the Council along with Kevin Morrissey as the new liaison for the committee.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS

Review of 2017 and 2018 Priorities

Chair Allen asked Mr. Morrissey if the supervisors have any priorities that the EAC should address in 2018. Mr. Morrissey stated that the riparian buffers are an issue and the supervisors would like to work on suggestions from the public to repair the riparian buffers, especially the most dramatic erosion when there is a major water issue. It is felt that vegetation is the best way to resolve erosion rather than rocks.

Mr. Fetterolf noted that notifying the public of the riparian buffer issues may be a first step. Create a flyer to educate people on the issues. Ms. Blaythorne spoke about how Wild Area Stewardship will discuss and review similar issues with riparian buffers and maybe put a video(s) on the website.

It was noted that the topic of riparian buffers would be added to the EAC agenda for next month's meeting.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deer Management Update

In the near future additional licenses will be issued and available, and the township would like to expand the hunting season when it will be allowable.

The final draft of the two handouts entitled, "Solebury Township Deer Management Program" and "Solebury Township Deer Management Program Application Form" were distributed to the members for their information.

Aquetong Spring Park

Mr. Fetterolf stated there is a tentative schedule for a "soft opening" of the park in either July or August this year with the intent to promote the park to the public. The following items still need to be addressed for the park:

- Signage
- Map
- Two types of parking lots
- Trail to lead through the park and additional trails at the dam level
- What will be done with the Judy house; possibly an art gallery for the public
- More trees should be planted to replace others that are removed
- A sculpture garden in an area of the park

It was suggested to do a follow up article of the "soft opening" of the park in The Messenger.

Wild Area Stewardship

It was noted to add the topics of "Riparian Buffer" and "Diseased Trees" to the agenda under the Wild Area Stewardship topic.

Roadside Spraying – Nothing to Add

Green Points for Building

It was decided by the council to omit this topic from the agenda at this time.

Recycling at Parks

Ms. Lesh will contact the Board of Supervisors to place the issue of recycling bins as a discussion item at a future meeting.

It was noted to try to contact Staples to setup a day for the public to recycle electronics, possibly at their location.

Penn East Pipeline Update

It was decided by the council to omit this topic from the agenda at this time.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT -- None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator