

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MARCH 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

**ABSENT:** David Benner and Bob McMahon

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Upon a Motion by Hope Blaythorne, seconded by Ron Moule, the meeting minutes for February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were unanimously approved with corrections.**

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was noted that a recycle bin had been placed in the township lobby for public use.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Lesh suggested that the Township minutes be printed double-sided in order to save on paper. Ms. Terranova agreed to do that going forward.

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Deer Management (Eric Allen and Bob McMahon)

The Township has received 250 red tags and distributed 190 tags with allowing only one per hunter. It was discussed that more property owners are needed as well as hunters for the program.

Recycling (Christy Cheever, Tamara Lesh and Deirdre Alderfer)

It appears that the program is starting to work! We are in the process of applying for the labels to distribute to the schools to enforce recycling. Meantime, Ms. Cheever has reached out to the New Hope Community Association regarding recycling in the community. Parent/Teacher groups are hoping to contribute to support the program. The New Hope Solebury Middle School and High School have a \$4,000 recycling grant available. It was noted that a recycling station is felt to be more encouraging to the younger children. The suggestion that a financial incentive may get more people to recycle within the township.

## Aquetong Spring Park (Barry Fetterolf and Kevin Morrissey)

### A. Invasive control at the park

Mr. Fetterolf noted that there are still questions on handling the grant money for the new park. The Township has decided to have a “soft opening” in the summertime as an introduction to the public. The top priority is the stream restoration. The Aquetong Spring committee is hoping to receive the plan of the park from the appointed Planner by their next meeting. There should be some type of assessment of what happened to the fifty fish that were placed in the stream last year. The parking lot will need work and the addition of an art park in one area of the park was suggested. Mr. Moule offered his brand new water testing kit to the Township to test the stream water.

### B. Art Park (Hope Blaythorne)

It was suggested to have something in place at the “soft opening” to generate interest for the public to get involved with the proposed art park.

## Wild Area Stewardship

### A. Riparian Buffer (Hope Blaythorne and Kevin Morrissey)

Liaison Morrissey has been in touch with Megan Rogalus, Watershed Specialist for Bucks County, to discuss reaching out to residents to educate them on the riparian buffers within the Township.

### B. Diseased Trees ( Eric Allen and Kevin Morrissey)

The committee had a discussion concerning the toxicity of Emamectin Benzoate, a treatment for diseased trees. It appears to be nonspecific and translocation of it into leaves, flowers and pollen which would have a high potential to injure birds, amphibians and pollinators. Emamectin benzoate is highly toxic to beneficial insects and emamectin benzoate residues on foliar plants remain lethal 24 hours post application.

### C. Watershed Management (Hope Blaythorne)

Annual Earth Day cleanups for the Township have been scheduled throughout the month of April for the individual watershed committees.

## Roadside Spraying

It was noted that this topic for the agenda would be removed until further notice.

## FERC – Adelphia Project

There are two pending applications with FERC regarding natural gas pipelines

and related infrastructure: The Adelpia Gateway Project and the proposed expansion of the Lambertville Compressor Station.

- (1) Adelpia Gateway: This project involves the conversion of 49 miles of an existing oil pipeline running through Montgomery, Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia Counties. The full line stretches from Martins Creek in Northampton County to Marcus Hook for a total of 84 miles. It passes through the northwestern corner of Bucks in a northeast/southwest direction, running through the Quakertown area. Most, if not all of that stretch of the line was converted to natural gas in 1996 and, therefore, is not the subject of the current FERC application.
- (2) Lambertville Compressor Station: In early December 2017, Texas Eastern Transmission applied to FERC for approval of an expansion of the Lambertville Compressor Station as part of the PennEast pipeline project. Available maps suggest that the station and proposed expansion would lie about 4-5 miles to the northwest of Lambertville in West Amwell, NJ.

It was noted that clarification would be requested from the Township Solicitor to explain this ongoing issue. Liaison Morrissey will get back to the Council once he receives an explanation from the Solicitor.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT -- None**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a Motion by Ron Moule, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Terranova  
EAC Administrator