

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF APRIL 10th, 2018

PRESENT: Ron Moule (Vice Chair), Christy Cheever, Deirdre Alderfer, Barry Fetterolf, Bob McMahon, Christine Terranova (Administrator) and Kevin Morrissey (Liaison).

ABSENT: Eric Allen (Chair), Hope Blaythorne, Tamara Lesh and David Benner

I. OPENING OF MEETING

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 13th, 2018

It was noted that approval of the March 13th, 2018 minutes would be tabled until the May meeting.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was noted that a stormwater training session would take place sometime in the near future; time and place to be determined. Kathleen Connally (kxc30@psu.edu), Master Gardener Coordinator, Master Watershed Steward Coordinator with Penn State Extension-Bucks County, emailed that there is a Master Watershed Steward volunteer available who is prepared to give presentation(s) in Solebury but the date, time and place has yet to be determined. It was noted that the Audubon Society, Aquetong Watershed, Primrose Watershed and Cuttaloosa Watershed would be included in the invitation to attend.

There was a brief discussion concerning the Aquetong Spring Park “soft opening” and the Solebury Township Solebury Day.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

No discussion

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deer Management (Eric Allen and Bob McMahon)

There was a discussion focused on the deer survey (handout) and deer management properties. An additional handout included a list of the properties that the EAC would like to enroll in the program. Mr. Moule suggested establishing a goal for each EAC committee member to recruit property owners to volunteer their land for the program.

Number of red tags has increased and will open up the opportunity for more

hunters to participate in the program. Township is still in need of more property owners to volunteer their land for hunters.

It was noted that maybe guidelines should be created for hunting during the warmer seasons of the year.

It was suggested that a direct mailing be sent out again to the property owners that received the mailing last year regarding volunteering their properties for deer hunting.

Recycling (Christy Cheever, Tamara Lesh and Deirdre Alderfer)

Via email, Ms. Lesh reported that regarding the community recycling event, she has placed a call to the County and will report back once she has some information.

Ms. Cheever stated that the cost of 800 labels for the **Recycle Across America Program** will be \$2,400. She is working on reaching out to local businesses to make donations towards the label payment.

Aquetong Spring Park (Barry Fetterolf and Kevin Morrissey)

Township Manager Dennis Carney is working on a master plan of the proposed park with heavy emphasis on the restoration of the stream which is a top priority. It was noted that grant money is available at this time for the development of the stream, trail and park.

Wild Area Stewardship

A. Riparian Buffer (Hope Blaythorne and Kevin Morrissey)

No discussion

B. Diseased Trees (Eric Allen and Kevin Morrissey)

An updated handout was distributed to EAC members regarding diseased ash trees.

C. Watershed Management (Hope Blaythorne)

It was suggested to invite watershed associations within the community to attend the May EAC meeting to discuss ground level problems.

FERC – Adelphia Project

The following is clarification from the Township Solicitor regarding his advice to Solebury Township as to whether Solebury Township should become an intervener in the Adelphia Gateway project FERC review:

“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 196 and, therefore, is not the subject of the current FERC application.

....As the line does not come close to Solebury, and since the Bucks portion of the line is already a natural gas pipeline, it probably does not make sense for the Township to intervene.”

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

New Hope Crush Stone Quarry

The Township would like a target “end” date from the quarry. The quarry is currently looking to drop the level of water in the quarry to be able to remove their equipment.

Someone requested an update on the Tuscarora issue with the Township. Mr. Morrissey did not have any information available concerning this matter.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Deirdre Alderfer, seconded by Barry Fetterolf, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator