

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JULY 10TH, 2018

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

ABSENT: David Benner, Hope Blaythorne and Deirdre Alderfer

AUDIENCE: Lilly Collins with Carversville Farm Foundation

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 12TH, 2018

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Bob McMahon, the meeting minutes for June 12th, 2018 were unanimously approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS -- None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Allen attended the EAC Summit that was held by the Doylestown EAC. A presentation was given concerning water which included some of the following facts:

- Herbicides and personal hair products are causes of water pollution
- Caffeine in the water supply is measureable
- Prescription drugs are water pollutants when disposed of in the water
- Pennsylvania has approved the use of fracking water for other uses
- The Water Authority said that the ground water in this part of the state is better than bottled water
- All prescription drugs should be recycled
- Pennsylvania is in the process of installing charging stations for electric vehicles in Doylestown

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deer Management (Eric Allen and Bob McMahon)

Supervisor Mark Baum Baicker, has been appointed as liaison for the deer management committee.

Bob McMahon has volunteered to join the deer management committee to help promote property owners to allow hunters to hunt on their property.

Chair Allen stated he would reach out to State Representative Helen Tai and Heather (McIlhinney's Assistant) to get the red tag program back into Solebury Township.

Recycling (Christy Cheever, Tamara Lesh and Deirdre Alderfer)

A grant was received to place waste bins in the cafeteria at the New Hope Solebury High School. It was noted that there is another nonprofit organization that may be able to provide additional bins in other schools.

The Ed Fund grant is asking for feedback on the program to see how things are going.

It was suggested to approach the environmental club at the high school for more environmental ideas/suggestions for EAC to approach in the community.

Vice Chair Lesh spoke to Patty Lynn, Bucks County Recycling Coordinator, to focus on materials that EAC would like to be more pro-active to recycle. Some of the choices were electronic waste, metals, tires and paper shredding. If the EAC decides to pursue a recycling program, it was suggested to join with another township or borough to set something up. Also, an education program to educate residents on what to recycle would be helpful. Ms. Cheever volunteered to research biodegradable utensils and paper straws to promote recycled materials.

Mr. Fetterolf volunteered to approach the GIANT food store concerning the banning of plastic shopping bags from the store.

Aquetong Spring Park (Barry Fetterolf and Kevin Morrissey)

Supervisor John Francis will replace Kevin Morrissey as liaison for the Aquetong Spring Park Committee.

Township has secured a grant for the stream reconstruction and will be working with Simone Collins and Princeton Hydro on that plan.

Mr. Fetterolf and James Bishop (resident of Solebury Township) have a possible donor or donors from New York interested in designing, working with the erosion of the stream and what would be best for cold water habitat of the Aquetong stream. There will be a meeting on July 20, 2018 to discuss the stream design and possibly put together a list of terms needed to make it successful. The foundation would only be interested in designing the stream and only responsible for that.

It was noted that Trout Unlimited, Aquetong Watershed and the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors would be consulted on the presentation.

A. Invasive control at the park

No discussion

Mr. Fetterolf mentioned that baby trout have been discovered in the stream which is a big sign of progress.

Wild Area Stewardship

Vice Chair Lesh mentioned an article in the Sunday edition of The Intelligencer regarding the Delaware Canal stated new pumps would be installed north and south of New Hope, in Centre Bridge and off of Aquetong Road.

Chair Allen and Mr. Fetterolf plan to speak to Bill Collins (Simone Collins) on water issues of the canal.

A. Riparian Buffer (Hope Blaythorne and Kevin Morrissey)

No discussion

B. Diseased Trees (Eric Allen and Kevin Morrissey)

Mr. Morrissey spoke with Dennis Carney, Township Manager, who said the report from the Forrester would be a few more weeks.

C. Watershed Management (Hope Blaythorne)

No discussion

Vice Chair Lesh stated that there were at least eight alternatives to using salt for deicing the roads, and that she would forward her report to Dennis Carney, Township Manager.

VI. Public Comment

It was determined that the August 14th, 2018 EAC meeting would be canceled due to lack of attendance for a quorum.

VII. Adjournment

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Tamara Lesh, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator