

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JANUARY 13th, 2015 MEETING

PRESENT: Roger Riedley (Chair), Hope Blaythorne, Barry Fetterolf, David Benner, Jim Searing (Supervisor Liaison) and Christine Terranova (EAC Administrator)

ABSENT: Eric Allen and Michael Farbotnik

AUDIENCE: Diane Smith (Bucks County Audubon Society)

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Riedley called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. and noted there was a quorum.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Upon a Motion by David Benner, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the EAC unanimously elected Hope Blaythorne as Vice Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Chair Riedley stated that he had a discussion with the Township Manager, Dennis Carney and Township Supervisor Jim Searing on concerns with the Township and items/suggestions for the Council to address for 2015. Supervisor Searing's memo prioritized a list of things the supervisors would like to suggest for the EAC to address and narrowed it down to the following topics:

1. Aquetong Creek – Create a small committee to keep up with the progress of the Aquetong Creek. Mr. Searing mentioned that in March, 2015, there will be a draw down; a reduction of the sediment; and then removal of the dam. The addition of plantings placed in the sediment will stabilize the area and just let nature take its course. Once it is clear how stable the lake/creek is, the Township will hire a firm to design an ecological plan. EAC will be reviewing that plan for comments.
2. Wildlife/Deer Management
3. Community Events – Park & Recreation will be holding a Solebury Day in 2015.
4. Reducing Waste – The Township needs more sustainability with recycling waste. EAC needs to develop or create other ways to implement new ideas and procedures.
5. Energy Renewal
6. Stewardship

It was noted that an annual committee report has been requested by the Board of Supervisors for Chair Riedley to present at the April 7, 2015 Board of Supervisors' meeting. The brief 10 – 15 minute presentation should answer the

following three questions:

- What did you do in 2014?
- What do you expect to accomplish in 2015?
- How can the board help you in achieving your goals?

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Ms. Terranova stated that the 2015 EAC Network Conference would be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. If anyone was interesting in attending the event, they should contact her to work out the details.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 14th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the October 14th, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Deer Management

The committee reviewed and discussed Mr. Allen's draft article entitled, "The Deer Problem in Solebury" to be submitted to The Messenger for publication at a later date. It was noted that some additional options and suggestions should be added to the article.

Penn East Pipeline

Ms. Blaythorne stated there would be two public meetings regarding drilling issues. One meeting is scheduled on January 27th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the College of New Jersey, and one on January 28th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bucks County Community College.

Stream Naming Contest

Ms. Blaythorne suggested to remove and table the agenda item, "Stream Naming Contest", until May, 2015. It was suggested to hold the contest on Community Day.

Calendar Awareness Articles for Messenger

The current draft review dates were discussed by the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Audubon Bird Town

Ms. Smith, Bucks County Audubon Society, stated that a training session on Bird Town will take place on April 4th, 2015.

Ms. Smith stated that a table would be available at Community Day to display Bird Town information. She also stated that it was required for EAC to participate at Community Day in maintaining the Bird Town table display throughout the day.

Ingham Spring/Aquetong Lake -- Nothing to report

Updates on Watershed Associations:

Aquetong Creek Watershed Group – Board meeting scheduled on Wednesday, February 18th, 2015

Pidcock Creek Watershed Group – Committee is in the process of planning for Earth Day cleanup.

Pannacussing Creek Watershed Group – Nothing to report

Primrose Creek Watershed Group – Phillips Mill Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th, 2015

There will be a watershed coalition on Wednesday, March 18th, 2015 to coordinate the Earth Day cleanup.

PUBLIC COMMENT -- None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator