

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 14th, 2016 MEETING

PRESENT: Ron Moule (Chair), Barry Fetterolf (Vice Chair), Eric Allen, Deirdre Alderfer, John Francis and Helen Tai (Liaison)

ABSENT: Hope Blaythorne, David Benner and Christine Terranova (EAC Administrator)

AUDIENCE: Diane Smith, Bucks County Audubon Society

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

Chair Moule called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 10th, 2016

Upon a Motion by Deirdre Alderfer, seconded by Barry Fetterolf, the meeting minutes for May 10th, 2016 were unanimously approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Moule asked for residents to attend the June 21st, 2016 Board of Supervisors' meeting to support the formation of a new Farm Committee.

John Francis asked for support of the Growing Greener Grant being applied for by the Primrose Creek Watershed Association.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Updating on Aquetong Spring Park Committee Meeting – No Comment

Wild Area Stewardship and Partnering with Parks & Recreation Committee – No Comment

Roadside Spraying – No Comment

Naming of four Unnamed Creeks in Solebury Township – No Comment

Green Points for Approval – No Comment

Deer Management

On May 18, 2016, Ron Moule and Eric Allen met with Jean Weiss (Solebury Township Administrator for the Deer Management Program) and Joe Dickens (Solebury Township) to discuss what has been done to date by the Township regarding the deer management program. Jean reported that the Township is

actively soliciting property owners to allow local hunters to hunt on their properties. It was strongly felt that hunting efforts aimed at reducing the deer in Solebury Township be conducted by local hunters rather than outside groups or associations. In order to accelerate the reduction of the deer population, a number of suggestions were discussed as follows:

- Increase the number of tags allocated specifically for Solebury Township
- The possibility baiting and spotting
- Hunting to be allowed on Sundays
- Add an “Earn A Buck” program

It was suggested that contact should be made with Carolyn Tantillo at State Representative Scott Petri’s office. Subsequently, Eric Allen contacted Carolyn Tantillo and a meeting has been setup and confirmed for July 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Scott Petri’s office. This meeting will also be attended by State Senator Chuck McIlhenney and include Ron Moule, Eric Allen and Township Supervisor Helen Tai.

Ms. Tai suggested that proper preparation for this meeting should include a fact sheet to be presented to the State Legislators prior to the meeting. Eric Allen will be preparing the proper paperwork for the meeting.

It was suggested to communicate to the public about deer management through local publications and informational materials at the EAC booth on Solebury Day.

The concept of administering a local hunting organization or association in Solebury Township was suggested. The cost of liability insurance for such a program is being investigated.

Bamboo Ordinance – No Comment

Solebury Day Planning – No Comment

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Moule introduced a concept whereby each member of the EAC would be responsible for one of six items currently being prioritized by the committee. He distributed detailed sheets for each item and including the following format:

1. Objective – What is the objective that this action plan addresses?
2. Action Step/Method – What is the action that must be taken?
3. Targets – Proposed order of tasks
4. Responsibility – Who is responsible for seeing that this is completed, the EAC member as well as Board of Supervisors liaison?
5. Support – What is needed to complete task?
6. Start – Which calendar quarter?
7. Time to Complete – A proposed completion date

The following topics were assigned as follows:

Roadside Spraying – Deirdre
Green Points – John
Deer Management – Eric
Solebury Day – Hope
Wildlife Area Stewardship – Barry (with Hope assisting)
Bamboo – Dave

Discussion followed from each member and a periodic timely report shall be made by each responsible individual.

Chair Moule distributed information regarding the discovery of Giant Hogwood, a highly noxious, invasive plant that has been found in Bucks County.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – No Comment

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf, seconded by Deirdre Alderfer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator