

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15TH, 2016 MEETING

PRESENT: Ron Moule (Chair), Hope Blaythorne, Eric Allen, Deirdre Alderfer, John Francis and Christine Terranova (Administrator)

ABSENT: David Benner, Barry Fetterolf (Vice Chair), Helen Tai (Liaison)

AUDIENCE: Dan Lawlor (3381 Aquetong Road), Marc Chrencik (1205 Reins Circle) and Joseph Klicka (3181 Aquetong Road)

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

Chair Moule called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 11th, 2016

Upon a Motion by Hope Blaythorne, seconded by Deirdre Alderfer, the meeting minutes for October 11th, 2016 were unanimously approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was noted that effective immediately DEP had declared a drought watch in various areas of the State that included Solebury Township. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection encourages residents and businesses to use water wisely and take steps to conserve the water supply.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion concerning the Primrose Creek Watershed and the existing pipeline, which involved a resident, Nikolai Gasiorowski, at 6731 Chapel Road, Solebury Township. There have been two big projects related to Spectra/Texas Eastern Transmission (TET): 1. A/C mitigation cable laid along pipelines that run next to PECO High Tension Wires. Mostly completed this summer/fall and was the “more widely known” project that Spectra did. 2. The big valve/pig-launch station which is more “dangerous/permanent”.

Primrose Creek Watershed -- Ms. Blaythorne stated that the Primrose Creek held their annual meeting. An update on the local quarry was given and Solebury Township Engineer Bob Wynn was present to discuss stormwater management.

Aquetong Watershed – It was noted that the dam remediation was successful and proven to work as hoped.

Pidcock Creek Watershed – The watershed has decided to merge with Bowman Flower Preserve.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deer Management

It was noted that there were strong objections to bringing in an outside organization like BOWMA to hunt in Solebury Township. The current program involves volunteers that work as an organized team and has a monitoring process to keep everything under control. It was felt that BOWMA would not work as well as what the township already has setup with unlimited tags and a ten-month season program.

The following points were felt to be important factors of a deer management program committee:

- Management structure
- Work collectively on the liability (creative thinking)
- Target particular properties
- Back ground checks on hunters
- Food pantry option
- Feedback on how many deer are killed and keeping the numbers up

It was suggested that the committee consist of two EAC members, two hunters in the program, one individual from township administration, one member from the Solebury Farm Committee and one township supervisor as a liaison to the committee.

Upon a Motion by Ron Moule, seconded by Deirdre Alderfer, Solebury Township Environmental Advisory Council unanimously agreed to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they form a Solebury Deer Management Committee, with a specific stated goal to manage the Solebury deer population; to ensure the safety of Solebury residents and hunters; and to monitor, collect, record and report data regarding the status of the deer population in Solebury.

Bamboo Ordinance – Nothing to report/discuss

Update on Aquetong Spring Park Committee Meeting – Nothing to report/discuss

Wild Area Stewardship

Ms. Blaythorne and Mr. Fetterolf spoke to Mrs. Caputo (236 Creekside Drive) concerning the area around her property. Ms. Blaythorne felt that Mr. Fetterolf will be able to add more information at the next meeting.

Roadside Spraying DEP Black Fly Program

Chair Moule recommended to the Board of Supervisors to use alternative herbicides for roadside spraying.

Green Points for Approval – Nothing to report/discuss

Stormwater Education and Outreach – Nothing to report/discuss

Recycling – Nothing to report/discuss

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Eric Allen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator