

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JULY 12th, 2016 MEETING

PRESENT: Ron Moule (Chair), David Benner, Hope Blaythorne, Eric Allen, John Francis, Christine Terranova (Administrator) and Helen Tai (Liaison)

ABSENT: Barry Fetterolf, Deirdre Alderfer

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

Chair Moule called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 14th, 2016

Upon a Motion by Eric Allen, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting minutes for June 14th, 2016 were unanimously approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Moule attended the Bucks County EAC Summit. David Benner spoke at the summit on what the Solebury Township EAC is doing as a committee. A representative from the Audubon Society spoke on behalf of the Keystone Conservation Trust. The Summit discussions included issues with drinking water in Warminster, Pennsylvania, and how other towns and townships are dealing with the drinking water in their communities. There was a discussion on bluebird box communities and developing natural gardens.

Mrs. Terranova gave a copy of a letter from a resident to the committee regarding concerns about the roadside spraying by the State.

Mrs. Terranova gave to the committee a copy of an article published in The Intelligencer regarding bamboo.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Updating on Aquetong Spring Park Committee Meeting – No Comment

Wild Area Stewardship and Partnering with Parks & Recreation Committee
Attainable goals to keep areas from degrading, future areas to work on will be Cuttalossa, Laurel Road and North Pointe.

Roadside Spraying

The Township has engaged PennDOT not to spray roadside within the Township, and property owners are posting not the spray.

Naming of four Unnamed Creeks in Solebury Township

Ms. Blaythorne stated the creek near Rockwood Path would be named Rockwood Creek, and the creek near Laurel Road would be named Laurel Creek. Ms. Blaythorne stated that a draft request would be submitted to the supervisors for review prior to sending to Harrisburg.

Green Points for Approval

Mr. Francis stated that Doylestown Township is in the process of revising the Green Points System to make it simpler and more user friendly. The possibility of creating discount fees on permits as an incentive to the public was mentioned.

Deer Management

Mr. Allen announced that a meeting with Scott Petri was scheduled for Wednesday, July 13th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. and would include Senator Chuck McIlhinney to discuss deer management.

Mr. Allen presented his outline to the committee for discussion.

Bamboo Ordinance

Chair Moule stated that the Board of Supervisors are waiting on a recommendation from EAC to act on the bamboo ordinance. EAC would like to see the ordinance cover the following issues:

- Mandates property boundaries
- Mowing
- Removal excavation
- Solarization

Chair Moule will do a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on August 16th, 2016 at the public meeting.

EAC will be designing a display poster and provide handouts calling out the varieties of bamboo along with species definitions for the EAC booth at Solebury Day.

Solebury Day Planning

The Solebury Day event will be on September 17th, rain date September 18th. EAC would like to provide handouts at the booth regarding:

- Leaf Collection/composting
- Master Gardens
- How to protect yourself and property from roadside spraying – possibly handout “Do Not Spray” signs
- Deer Management information to promote cooperation with hunters –

possibly have a sign-up list for property owner interested to lend their property for hunting.

- Bamboo

V. NEW BUSINESS -- None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Hope Blaythorne, seconded by Eric Allen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator