

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14th, 2017 MEETING

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

ABSENT: Hope Blaythorne

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

Chair Moule called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 10th, 2017

Upon a Motion by John Francis, seconded by Barry Fetterolf, the meeting minutes for January 10th, 2017 were unanimously approved with changes.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Moule welcomed new EAC member, Tamara Lesh, to the Council.

Ms. Terranova announced a member of the Plumstead Township EAC, Tom Lurz, contacted her regarding the recycling of tires which is a growing issue in their township. He suggested attending monthly meetings in Solebury and offered for Solebury EAC members to attend Plumstead Township's monthly EAC meetings as well. He offered for Solebury EAC to reach out to their committee any time on any community matter.

Chair Moule mentioned that he had emailed committee members an article regarding autism and exposure to glyphosate-formulated herbicides (roundup) by pregnant mothers.

Ms. Alderfer briefly discussed the proposed pipeline to develop in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and that she would continue to keep the committee updated at future meetings. It was felt that it was unlikely that the pipeline would impact Solebury Township at this point in time.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2017 Priorities

Chair Moule reviewed 2016 Action Plan items including the quarry (appeal hearing in March, 2017), stormwater issues (improvements administratively with paperwork), road salt alternatives (beet pulp vs. salt) and runoff issues (retention basins to rain gardens) and provided a 2017 Action Plan, in priority order, for

committee review. The following are 2017 Action Plan topics of importance that will be prioritized at the March meeting:

- Deer
- Renewable Energy
- Stormwater
- Bicycling & Walking Infrastructure – Tammy & Barry will start to research
- Reduce Solid Waste and Recycling
- Riparian Buffers, etc.
- Road Salt
- BMP's (best management practices) for woodlots

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Township administration was contacted by resident Brian Keyes concerning the yearly Earth Day cleanup along the roadways in the township. Ms. Terranova told Mr. Keyes that she would contact him if EAC was interested in getting involved in the cleanup this year.

Chair Moule requested that the topic be placed on the agenda for the March meeting.

Deer Management Update

On February 13, 2017 Solebury township administration, Ron Moule, Eric Allen, Supervisor Helen Tai and Michael Warden met with State Representative McIlhinney to continue their discussion regarding deer management and to endorse year-round hunting which would require special permits. Issues are being addressed and continued conversations with the Pennsylvania Game Commission in supporting residents who are in the deer management program.

Aquetong Spring Park Committee Update

- Princeton Hydro has been hired by the township to review what has happened to the spring and what the next steps may be.
- Discussion on designing of the trails.
- Review of the footprint of the stream and suggestions/options on what can be done to move ahead.
- Presentation before the Board of Supervisors on March 7th, 2017.
- Discussion regarding the Judy House with numerous ideas and suggestions.

Wild Area Stewardship – Discussion continues

Roadside Spraying DEP Black Fly Program – Discussion continues

Green Points for Building

Mr. Francis distributed a report to the committee to review regarding a Green Points Incentive Program with the following summary of conclusions:

- Doylestown's system is very comprehensive but too complex for administering in Solebury. Also doesn't generate much interest it seems.
- There's no point in adopting a system that cannot be policed or maintained.
- A better approach is to select and focus on one category of sustainable design such as energy savings, and create some goals and rules for that as a first step to see how it develops.
- Add other categories as time and resources allow.
- Since monetary benefits to homeowners may be small, we want to think of alternative incentives like reducing the time period in processing permits for qualified applicants or another non-monetary benefit. This would also not deplete township income.
- Further investigation work is required by Mr. Carney, Solebury Township Manager.
- Discussion with EAC required.

Recycling at Parks

Ms. Alderfer and Ms. Lesh will contact Dudley Rice, Park and Recreation Director, to meet and discuss promoting recycling in the township parks, especially for all the sports events that take place throughout the year. The EAC would like to make an effort to educate, promote and provide opportunity to re-introduce recycling throughout the township including parks, schools and commercial businesses.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Barry Fetterolf the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator