

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 MEETING

**PRESENT:** Ron Moule (Chair), Barry Fetterolf (Vice Chair), David Benner, John Francis, Hope Blaythorne, Deirdre Alderfer, Christine Terranova (EAC Administrator) and Helen Tai (Liaison).

**ABSENT:** Eric Allen

**I. OPENING OF MEETING:**

Chair Moule called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Upon a Motion by John Francis, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting minutes for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were unanimously approved.**

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Moule gave a brief summary of the presentation on the 2015 Annual EAC Report to the Board of Supervisors at their March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 meeting.

It was discussed that volunteers with training in tree planting would be needed for a tree vitalizing grant that the township received for 200 trees and tubes.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Updating on Aquetong Springs Park Committee Meeting

The stream is slowly creating its own stream bottom. On Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, there will be a presentation at the Board of Supervisors meeting to give the Board and the public an update on the progress of the stream and spring. The township has received a \$250,000 grant for trails and development of the park. The next step would be to hire a consultant to put together a proposed plan of the park. The committee will be looking at the Judy house to make suggestions on the development of the structure.

Wild Area Stewardship: Next steps

1. Need for signage – general name and guidelines – look into posting a “no fishing” sign if allowable since the spring belongs to the State.
2. Hazard tree identification.
3. Make an appointment to meet with the State Forrester for direction.
4. Connect with Dennis Carney, Township Manager.
5. Connect with Kevin Campbell regarding the paper map.

### Leaf Collection: Next steps

The Penn State Master Gardeners of Bucks County could setup a table for Solebury Day. Master Gardeners are volunteers with extensive training in horticulture from Penn State who enjoy sharing research-based information about consumer horticulture with Bucks County residents. Deirdre Alderfer volunteered to contact the organization to see if they would be interested and able to bring literature for handouts.

Sunset Drive residents will continue to collect their leaves for the township to distribute to local farms to use as compost.

### Roadside Spraying: Next steps

Dennis Carney, Township Manager, asked PennDOT to refrain from using the Garlon 3A spray. The township will do additional mowing when able along the roadsides.

Chair Moule will reach out to Leslie Richards to get additional information on natural spraying.

### Naming of four unnamed creeks in Solebury Township

The following are creek areas that were suggested to be named:

- Laurel Lane location
- Upper York Road location
- Ely Road location
- River Road, located in the unnamed watershed (Dark Hollow)
- Primrose location, near NHCS Quarry
- Lumberville location, feeds into the Delaware River and may have a name already

It was suggested to look at the E-map of PA to get a better idea on the location of the unnamed creeks.

### Proposed cleanup day in April, 2016

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Primrose and Aquetong Watershed Associations

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Lumberville and Paunacussing Watershed

### Update of Tuscarora and Ely Roads

Helen Tai was able to give an update on the current situation and that it is a legal standing/situation and was limited for discussion.

## Green Points Application

Helen Tai presented the committee with a Green Points Worksheet from Doylestown Borough that offers “credits” for green construction. It may be something that the Township may want to consider for the future as it could have an important environmental impact.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### Deer Management – Looking ahead to April meeting

#### The Action Steps/Method

- Determine appropriate goals for deer population
- Review all current township deer study data, including meeting with Michael Kennerley
- Evaluate/research alternative approaches
- Investigate partnering opportunities
- Develop recommendations with multiple options including pros and cons for each method as well as costs and funding sources
- Present recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

## **VI. GENERAL TOPICS FOR 2016 -- None**

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT -- None**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Terranova  
EAC Administrator