

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21st, 2019**

PRESENT: Eric Allen (Chair), Tamara Lesh (Vice Chair), Christy Cheever, Deirdre Alderfer, Hope Blaythorne, William Birnes, Jordan Yeager (Township Solicitor) and Christine Terranova (Administrator).

ABSENT: Barry Fetterolf and Kevin Morrissey (Liaison)

AUDIENCE: Lee Farnham (Ewing Township, New Jersey, Environmental Council), Dan Burke (Ewing Township, New Jersey, Environmental Council) and Jim Mansfield (Audubon Advocacy Committee; resident at 710 Harrowgate Lane, New Hope, PA)

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 10, 2019

Upon a Motion by William Birnes, seconded by Hope Blaythorne, the meeting minutes for September 10th, 2019 were unanimously approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Allen welcomed the guests in the audience along with Jordan Yeager, Township Solicitor.

At the September Doylestown Borough meeting it was announced that a study was done to determine that local businesses and residents were in favor of a plastic ban in the community. It was discussed to attempt to get a 5% to 10% deposit enforced on recycling.

Tomorrow night is the Primrose Creek annual meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Blaythorne spoke of a new ordinance entitled, "Dark Sky Ordinance", which is to eliminate and regulate light pollution. The goal would be to educate the township

residents to be aware of over lighting their properties. One commercial property mentioned to over light was the Hotel du Village in Phillips Mill. Limit the brightness and respect the boundaries of lighting in the neighborhoods. Safety would also be an issue for some people in setting lighting standards.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Wild Area Stewardship (Hope Blaythorne)

Ms. Blaythorne updated everyone on the Aquetong Watershed Annual Meeting. It has been proposed to have a January coalition meeting with each watershed.

Ms. Blaythorne asked if the EAC would want to ask the watersheds to get involved with the following:

1. Adopting a highway(s)
2. Tree planting within the township
3. "Ready for 100" Campaign – 100% clean energy for communities

Plastic Regulation

Mr. Yeager addressed the committee regarding the legal aspects related to voluntary plastic regulation programs that have been discussed by the committee. It was felt there is a strong need to educate the public and start dialog with businesses to put something in place. It was mentioned that a specific survey may be an answer to get opinions from people within the community.

Mr. Yeager presented the committee with a final draft resolution to reduce the distribution of single-use plastics in Doylestown Borough. He mentioned that West Chester, PA has also put a draft together on plastic banning. Mr. Yeager continued to discuss the challenges to drafting an ordinance and suggested to engage in public contact to be effective when the time comes.

Mr. Birnes suggested to talk to GIANT to get a feel for things and to get a business opinion on the matter.

It was noted to look and review the Doylestown Borough's survey on plastics.

It was noted to look at the Township website, Facebook, The Messenger and if the Township has a listing of emails for contacting residents. The draft of the survey would be sent to Dennis for distribution to the Board of Supervisors.

Deer Management (Eric Allen)

No update.

Recycling and Recycle Forum (Christy Cheever, Tamara Lesh and Deirdre Alderfer)

Ms. Cheever was provided with a flyer from Leck Trash Haulers which was able to give her most of the needed information on recycling plastics.

Ms. Alderfer volunteered to contact her trash hauler to see if they have any restrictions on recycling. She suggested each committee member contact their trash hauler to see what/if any restrictions they may have with their hauler on recycling.

Ms. Cheever volunteered to touch base with the high school students that are involved with the recycling program.

Adopt A Highway (Christy Cheever)

Ms. Cheever is searching for a stretch of road within the township boundaries that is available for EAC to adopt. She suggested to possibly get the watershed association involved to help participate in the program. Recognition for being a part of program will be a sign that would be posted on that stretch of roadway. Ms. Cheever would do an outreach letter for participants to be involved with the adoption process.

EAC + Conceptual Plans for 202 Corridor

This topic will be removed from the agenda.

VI. Public Comment

It was suggested to add Environmental Restoration to the agenda starting next month.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Terranova
EAC Administrator