

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP  
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**MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023**

- I OPENING OF MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.
- II ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE
- III APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCT 27 & DEC 8, 2022
- IV BUDGET REPORT
- V SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS - None
- VI REPORTS ON PARK FACILITIES
  - A) Canal Park
  - B) Magill's Hill Park
  - C) Pat Livezey Park
  - D) Laurel Park
  - E) North Pointe
  - F) Aquetong Spring
  - G) Solebury Park
  - H) Solebury Trail
- VII REPORTS ON PROGRAMS
  - A) Baseball / Basketball / Soccer / Lacrosse / Wrestling / Summer Camp
- VIII EVENTS
  - A) Winter Festival – Feb 3 to 5
- IX COMMITTEE REPORTS
- X OLD BUSINESS
  - A) Site Visits
- XI NEW BUSINESS
  - A) Park Ordinance 2012-004 – Review and Update
  - B) Earth-Cache / Geo-Cache at Township Parks
  - C) Bond House – Review and Discussion
- XII PUBLIC COMMENT
- XIII ADJOURNMENT





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***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – October 27, 2022***

***PRESENT IN PERSON:*** Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Dan Morrin Jr., Nancy Stock-Allen, Kim Wilson, Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice, Supervisor Liaison John Francis

***PRESENT VIA ZOOM:*** Marc Blucas, Barbara Zietchick, Associate Member Nancy Wolff,

***ABSENT:*** Michael McKenna

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Chair Dan Dupont called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***MOTION 22-08:*** *On a motion by Kevin Campbell, second by Dan Morrin, Jr., the minutes of the September 22, 2022 regular meeting were unanimously approved.*

**FINANCE REPORT**

Board members reviewed the P&R budget reports.

The Director noted that the Township is  $\frac{3}{4}$  through the year on the budget and responded to questions about saving money by not mowing a couple of properties.

**SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

None

**REPORTS ON FACILITIES**

Board members reviewed the facilities report.

The Director reported that the mechanical drawings for the Aquetong Spring Park bathrooms were just received and once the Township is satisfied with those, and receives a cost estimate for construction, everything would go to the Board of Supervisors for consideration about going forward with the project or not. Nancy Stock-Allen suggested that the two planned bathrooms not be gender specific (men / women) but simply that each be available for use by anyone in need.

Members also had questions and concerns about trash and garbage in the bathrooms, maintenance, and use by contractors and passing motorists.

At Canal Park, several sections of the footbridge, support wall, and PECO towers were the subject of graffiti and are in the process of being cleaned by the Public Works Department. The Director noted that this is one of the only times that there has been any sort of vandalism or graffiti to this extent in any of the parks.



### REPORTS ON PROGRAMS

Board members reviewed the program report and information on the basketball program.

Registration is in progress for intramural basketball. Three clinic sessions will be held in December and the regular season will start the first week of January and continue through the end of February. All games take place at the NH-S UES gym on Saturdays.

Adult basketball is in progress on Thursday evenings at the NH-S UES gym from 8:30-10:00 p.m., from mid-September to mid-June.

Travel basketball teams have started practices in the UES gym. Teams play in the Inter County Basketball League. The season begins on December 16, 2022 and continues through the end of March 2023 with playoffs and championship rounds.

Dan Dupont reported and on his attending the Oct 19, NHS commemoration ceremony for the Robert Nagg Memorial Fund's cumulative donation to the future stadium. The Robert Nagg Memorial Fund hosts an annual soccer game in memory of Robert Alexander Nagg, a New Hope-Solebury student and member of the boys soccer team. Founded by Robert's teammate

Jaxon Valley (Class of 2012), the game enables current soccer players to enjoy a game with recent alumni while honoring Robert's tremendous courage and passion for soccer. Thanks to the generosity of our community, more than \$61,000 has been raised and will be donated to the future NHS stadium project. Solebury Township Parks and Recreation was the original sponsor of this program and continued its support during the past 10 years, contributing \$10,000 during that time.

Next events on October 31 are Trunk or Treat at the NHS UES parking lot, weather dependent, and Community Safety Night, under the tent at the corner of 611 Norwalk Way and Kitchen's Lane.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board members reviewed the committee reports.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### Route 202 Open Space Property

Supervisor Liaison John Francis said that the Supervisors would consider a resolution at their next meeting to create an Advisory Committee to review the recent survey results and make recommendations for the use of the Route 202 property. There will likely be an interview process for perspective members similar to what has taken place in the past. A copy of the survey results was emailed to all the members and is also available to download from the Township website. The top survey request was "passive park", but that does not exclude other uses from consideration.

Nancy Stock-Allen suggested that this property be the next one scheduled for a "site visit" by the P&R members.

A discussion about disc golf and the uses and plans for Solebury Park took place.

John Francis said that no decision had been made yet with respect to the pickleball court noise issue and that options are under consideration. Enforcement of operating hours on Sundays has occurred with the courts being locked on Saturday evening and then unlocked on Sunday at Noon by the Director.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dudley Rice*

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI  
Director of Parks & Recreation

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***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING – December 8, 2022***

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** Marc Blucas, Kevin Campbell, Dan Dupont, Dan Morrin Jr., Barbara Zietchick, and Parks & Recreation Director Dudley Rice,

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:**, Supervisor Liaison John Francis

**ABSENT:** Michael McKenna, Nancy Stock-Allen, Kim Wilson, Associate Member Nancy Wolff

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Chair Dan Dupont called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the October 27, 2022 was deferred until the next meeting.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Board members reviewed the P&R budget reports. The Director noted that the Township is at the end of the budget year. In response to a question from Barbara Zietchick, the Director said that payment for design of the Aquetong Spring bathrooms comes from funds previously budgeted by the BOS for that purpose, and that the \$50,000 grant monies would not be used until applied for to fund the anticipated construction. Supervisor John Francis noted that there are other elements and considerations involved in any decision to move forward with the bathrooms, including an overall strategy for the Bond house, and what specifically the use will be for that house since the recommendation from the ASAC was general in nature.

**SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

None

**REPORTS ON FACILITIES**

Board members reviewed the facilities report. In response to a mowing question from Dan Morrin Jr. the Director noted that only the front road area along the Route 202 open space property is being mowed and that the Reeder Road property where the house was demolished and removed is not being mowed. The Lumberville site and Sugas/Greenhill Road site are being mowed less frequently until a plan is established for each and the neighbors notified of the proposal.

In response to a question from Marc Blucas about dead ash trees, the Director noted that many have been removed already including about a dozen at Laurel Park and 6 or so at Pat Livezey Park, with another 12 marked and ready to be removed in the next couple months. There is a budget line item for this work, and the situation will continue to be monitored.

## **REPORTS ON PROGRAMS**

Board members reviewed the program report and information on the basketball program.

Adult basketball is in progress on Thursday evenings at the NH-S UES gym from 8:30-10:00 p.m., from mid-September to mid-June.

Travel basketball teams have started practices in the UES gym. Teams play in the Inter County Basketball League. The season begins on December 16, 2022 and continues through the end of March 2023 with playoffs and championship rounds.

Intramural games will begin on January 7, 2023.

## **EVENTS**

The annual Snow Folk Art event is in progress as part of the Winter Festival. The art projects will be on display in the lobby of the Township building until January 13, 2023. Judging will take place on December 21st and winners will be posted on the Township website.

Winter Festival dates are February 3-5, 2023 with an entire new Board taking over and attempting to re-start, after 2 years of COVID caused the event to be cancelled in 2021 and 2022. Anyone interested in helping please contact Dudley.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board members reviewed the committee reports and the Director reported on the update to the proposed Stadium and fieldhouse project at the NH-S high school campus.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Route 202 Property Committee:* Supervisor John Francis reported that the members for the committee are expected to be named at the January 2023 meeting of the BOS. Chair Dan Dupont suggested that members make a site visit to the property and walk it sometime in January. Dan will send out some proposed dates via email.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dudley Rice*

Dudley Rice, CPRP, CPSI  
Director of Parks & Recreation

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION  
FACILITIES REPORT – JANUARY 2023

*All park bathrooms are winterized and closed for the season.*

**CANAL PARK:**

Routine maintenance and inspection.

**MAGILL'S HILL:**

Routine maintenance and inspection.

**PAT LIVEZEY PARK:**

Fields (Upper & Lower)

Routine maintenance and inspection.

Maintenance / Buildings / Security

Routine maintenance and inspection.

**MOWING and MAINTENANCE**

Mowing operations have ended for the season.

**TRAILS**

Routine maintenance and inspection.

**LAUREL PARK:**

Routine maintenance and inspection.

**NORTH POINTE PARK:**

Routine maintenance and inspection.

**AQUETONG SPRING PARK:**

Routine maintenance and inspection.

**SOLEBURY PARK:**

Routine maintenance and inspection.

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP PARKS and RECREATION  
PROGRAM REPORT – JANUARY 2023

**SOLEBURY BASEBALL / SOFTBALL LEAGUE:**

Registration is in progress for the spring 2023 season. Chris Sincavage is the new President of the League.

Website: [www.soleburybaseball.org](http://www.soleburybaseball.org)

Email Contact: [soleburytwpbbaseballsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:soleburytwpbbaseballsoftball@gmail.com)

**SOLEBURY SOCCER:**

Registration is in progress for the spring 2023 season. Frank Lawson remains as President of the League.

Website: [www.soleburysoccer.com](http://www.soleburysoccer.com)

**SOLEBURY BASKETBALL:**

**INTRAMURAL PROGRAM:** The program is in progress on Saturdays at the NH-S UES gym from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Picture Day in the cafeteria is on January 21st. The season ends on Saturday, February 25th.

**ADULT PROGRAM:** Registration has ended and the program is in progress on Thursday evenings at the NH-S UES gym from 8:30-10:00 p.m., from mid-September to mid-June.

**TRAVEL PROGRAM:** The regular season games are in progress with teams playing in the Inter County Basketball League. The regular season began on December 16, 2022 and continues through February 19, 2023, followed by playoffs and championship rounds in March. Home games are played in the NHS Middle School gym and UES gym.

Basketball website: [www.soleburytwp.org/parks-recreation/pages/sports-programs](http://www.soleburytwp.org/parks-recreation/pages/sports-programs)

ICBA website: [www.icbabasketball.com](http://www.icbabasketball.com)

**SOLEBURY LIONS YOUTH WRESTLING:**

Registration is in progress for the 2022-23 season.

Website: [www.soleburyyouthwrestling.com](http://www.soleburyyouthwrestling.com)

Facebook: [Solebury Lions Youth Wrestling](#)

**NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY LACROSSE:**

Registration is in progress for the spring 2023 season.

Website: <http://www.nhslacrosseclub.com/organizations/19205>

**LAMBERTVILLE-NEW HOPE RAMBLERS**

The Lambertville-New Hope Ramblers Football & Cheerleading program provides opportunities for children ages 5-14 in Lambertville, New Hope, Solebury areas.

Website: <https://lnh-ramblers.com>

**SUMMER CAMP:**

Planning for summer camp will begin in February/March.

Website: <https://www.soleburytwp.org/parks-recreation/pages/2022-summer-camp>



**BACKGROUND SCREENING and CLEARANCES:**

The current list is updated throughout the year for those who are required to obtain volunteer clearances. Individual sports organizations are required to provide certification to Solebury Township and/or copies as appropriate. The PA State law on Clearances is in effect for all volunteers, who are required to provide the following:

1. *PA State Police Criminal Record Check*
2. *ChildLine PA Child Abuse Clearance through the Dept of Human Services*
3. *FBI Criminal Background Check OR the 10-Year CPSL Resident Affidavit*

**FIRST AID / CPR / AED TRAINING:**

CPR / AED training courses are available online at various websites.

**CONCUSSION TRAINING**

Coaches and sports groups using Township facilities are asked to complete the CDC Concussion Training and produce a certificate of completion or League certification.

Concussion Training Website: <https://headsup.cdc.gov>

**LICENSE PLATES and TILE PROMOTION:**

Sales continue. Since this program was started, it has raised \$62,154 to date for Parks and Recreation programs and events.

Solebury's Holiday Tiles for 2022 are sold out.



## EVENTS – January 2023 Update

WINTER FESTIVAL Dates: February 3-5

### **CHILI COOK-OFF!!! LAMBERTVILLE \* NEW HOPE -WINTER FESTIVAL**

Bringing Back the Magic

On February 5th @ High Noon the Olde Stone Steakhouse will be hosting the 2023 Winter Festival Chili Cook Off 🌶️! Don't miss the FUN.

The CHILI COOK-OFF!!! LAMBERTVILLE \* NEW HOPE -WINTER FESTIVAL is Sunday, February 5 from 12-3 pm at Olde Stone Steakhouse in New Hope, PA ❄️ Come in from the cold for a hot chili cook off competition featuring 10+ of our finest local restaurants competing for the grand title of "CHILI COOK OFF CHAMPIONS" 🌶️ Your ticket includes all you can eat chili and all you can drink beer, including a 2023 CCO pint glass 🍷 The winners will receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for both People's and Judge's Choice 🏆 Buy your tickets today to help crown the next Winter Fest Chili Champion 📺 All proceeds from the event benefit Fisherman's Mark Social Services 🙌 Free Parking and Shuttle Services available for the event 🚌

Get your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/3w4mG7z>

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP  
Bucks County, Pennsylvania**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-004  
(Duly Adopted September 18, 2012)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHING RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF  
TOWNSHIP PARKS.**

*The Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township ("Township") does hereby ENACT AND  
ORDAIN the following:*

**SECTION I.        PURPOSE.**

Section 2203 of the Second Class Township Code, provides that the Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, regulate the use and enjoyment by the public of any park or recreation grounds owned and operated by the Township for the use of the public. It is the intent, purpose, and scope of this Ordinance to ensure the preservation of public parks, open space areas, recreation facilities, and playground areas within Solebury Township for the perpetual enjoyment of the residents of the Township, to regulate activities within these areas consistent with the enjoyment of natural settings and park facilities and to prevent any nuisances to the residents of the Township in the use of such public parks, open space areas, recreation facilities and playground areas.

**SECTION II.       USE OF GROUNDS AND FACILITIES.**

Any person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, or corporation using a public park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area shall clean up all trash, garbage, and debris produced by their activities, and leave the premises in good order and the facilities in a neat and sanitary condition. Each and every failure to conform to the provisions of this Section shall be considered a separate violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION III.      PROHIBITED CONDUCT.**

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, or corporation using Township parks, open space areas, recreation facilities, or playground areas to either perform or permit to be performed any of the following acts within such locations:

1. Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace, or remove any

building; bridge; table; bench; railing; paving or paving material; waterline or other public utility, or parts or appurtenances thereof; sign, notice, or placard, whether temporary or permanent; monument; stake, post, or other boundary marker; structure, equipment, facility; or Township property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

2. Remove, injure, or destroy any tree, flower, shrub, plant or other growing thing; or any rock or other mineral, except for routine maintenance or if approved by the Township.
3. Kill, trap, hunt, pursue, or in any manner disturb or cause to be disturbed any wild bird or animal, except as permitted by the Township.
4. Throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, or other body of water in or adjacent to any public park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area; or into any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter, or thing, liquid or solid, which may result in the pollution of said waters.
5. Discard, dump, deposit, or leave any bottle, broken glass, paper, box, can, dirt, rubbish, waste, refuse, trash, garbage, or other litter except into containers provided for that purpose. Where such receptacles are not provided, all such materials shall be carried away from the park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area by the person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, or corporation responsible for their presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.
6. Disturb the peace or use any profane or obscene language.
7. Endanger the safety of any person or their property by any conduct or act.
8. Commit any assault or battery or engage in fighting.
9. Carry, show, or use any type of weapon including, but not limited to, firearms, tasers, knives, swords, and archery bows.
10. Smoke or use any tobacco product.
11. Violate any rule for the use of the park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area, made or approved by the Supervisors of Solebury Township.
12. Ignite or build any fires, without prior approval of the Parks and Recreation Director.
13. Play ice hockey, except in designated areas.
14. Swim, boat, or ice skate, except in designated areas.

15. Operate model airplanes or vehicles, motor scooters, motorcycles, mini-bikes, go-carts, snowmobiles, four wheelers, three wheelers, and any other recreational and motor vehicles (except licensed motor vehicles on designated roadways or parking lots).
  16. Play golf, except in designated areas.
  17. Skateboard.
  18. Gamble.
- B. Animals may be permitted in Township parks, open space areas, and recreation facilities, unless otherwise posted. Animals are not permitted within playground areas. It shall be unlawful to permit any animal in those areas where posted. In all other areas, it shall be unlawful to permit any animal to be in any such area unless such an animal is secured on a leash of not more than six (6) feet in length. Owners of leashed or unleashed animals, whether legally or illegally in any park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area, shall be responsible for the immediate removal and disposal of fecal matter deposited by that animal. Trained service dogs are expressly exempt from all provisions of this Ordinance.
- C. No person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, or corporation shall, in a Township park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area:
1. Offer for sale any article or thing, nor station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any such article or thing, except under the authority of the Parks and Recreation Director, by application and permit as hereinafter provided.
  2. Announce advertise or call the public's attention in any way to any article or service for sale or hire.
  3. Post, paste, fasten, paint, write, draw, carve, tack, or affix any placard, bill, notice, sign, advertisement, or any inscription whatever upon any structure, tree, stone, fence, thing, or enclosure within any Township park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area or on any public lands or highways or roads adjacent to any Township park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area, except as approved by the Parks and Recreation Director.
- D. Except in emergencies, it is not permitted to land a private or commercial airplane or helicopter on any lands within a Township park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area.
- E. No lights of any type that are intended to illuminate any area for playing purposes shall be permitted, except for the existing lights at the lower fields at Pat Livezey Park.

- G. There shall be no music or broadcasting of any kind over a public speaker or amplified system during the course of any game or event. There shall be no group band or individual music playing before, during, halftime or after any game or event. None of the above is intended to prohibit the playing of the national anthem at the beginning of each game or event, or a "halftime cheer routine with music" using a music system with reasonable volume.
- H. It is not permitted for any person to have in his or her possession, custody, or control any alcoholic beverage and/or controlled substance of any kind whatsoever, within any Township park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area.

**SECTION IV.      HOURS OF OPERATION.**

- A. Township parks, open space areas, recreation facilities, or playground areas shall be open to the public between the hours of sunrise to sunset, except as otherwise posted by the Township.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, or corporation, other than Township personnel conducting Township business therein, to occupy or be present during any hours during which a Township park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area is not open to the public. Use of the lighted fields at Pat Livezey Park after sunset shall be permitted only as approved by the Parks and Recreation Director.
- C. Any section or part of a park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area may be declared closed to the public at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular or stated intervals by the Township. During such periods of time, it shall be unlawful to enter upon or occupy such areas or portions thereof contrary to posted regulations or the conditions of a permit issued by the Township.

**SECTION V.      PERMITS FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES.**

Whenever any group, association, firm, organization, or similar entity desires to reserve a Township park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area for a particular purpose, such as a picnic, meeting, party, or theatrical or entertainment performance, a representative of said group, association, firm, or organization shall first be required to apply for and obtain a permit from the Parks and Recreation Director for the specific purpose or event. The applicant for such a permit shall provide proof of insurance, signed releases, and/or provide other security as determined by the Township to protect the Township from any liability of any kind and to protect Township property from damage. The Director of Parks and Recreation shall grant permits on a first-come first-serve basis, if it appears that the applied-for purpose or event will not interfere with the general use of the park, facility, or area by the individual members of the public and the application meets all the other applicable conditions.

**SECTION VI. MOTOR VEHICLES.**

Licensed motor vehicles shall be permitted only on designated roadways within Township parks, open space areas, recreation facilities, or playground areas. The speed limit shall be five (5) miles per hour on such roadways. Motor scooters, motorcycles, minibikes, go-carts, snowmobiles, and other recreational vehicles shall not be permitted on roadways designated for licensed vehicular traffic, unless licensed for travel on public roads of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All vehicles shall be parked in areas or places so provided and designated. Parking in places contrary to posted regulations and times is prohibited, and such vehicles may be removed by the Township at the owner's expense. Parking is prohibited in any Township park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area that is closed. It shall be unlawful to clean, wash, repair, or do any work whatsoever on any vehicle within a Township park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area, except for emergency repairs.

**SECTION VII. FISHING REGULATIONS.**

The following regulations shall apply to fishing in any Township park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area:

- A. Ingham Springs Park will open at sunrise and close at sunset.
- B. There will be a four fish limit per individual per day.
- C. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- D. A fishing license shall be displayed if required by State rule or regulation.

**SECTION VIII. PERMIT APPLICATIONS, FORMS, AND FEES.**

All permits deemed necessary by the Township to properly regulate Township parks, open space areas, recreation facilities, or playground areas shall be granted by the Parks and Recreation Director upon the determination that the application complies with the following terms and purposes of this Ordinance; all provisions of this Ordinance, and any other applicable statute, ordinance, code, rule and regulation:

- A. The Parks and Recreation Director shall issue permits and prescribe conditions upon Township-approved forms and applications.
- B. Applications for permits must be made to the Park and Recreation Office at least fourteen (14) days prior to the use requested. Larger events and special circumstances will require additional time to process the permit. Please consult the Park and Recreation Office at least three (3) months in advance to determine how much additional time will be necessary.

- C. All permits shall be granted for a period not to exceed the time or the duration of the anticipated use and activity.
- D. The Parks and Recreation Director shall have the authority to require fees for permits in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Township, as amended from time to time; accept and hold funds for security deposits; and prescribe conditions under which deposits are collected or forfeited. All such revenues collected for permits shall be used for park and recreation purposes within the Park and Recreation Fund of Solebury Township.
- E. Insurance requirements.
1. If an application is approved, proof of liability insurance must be received by the Township within fifteen days of the issuance of the approval and prior to the event covered by the permit. The insurance shall provide coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and shall name Solebury Township as an additional insured on the policy.
  2. If an application is approved, proof of medical/accident insurance must be received by the Township within fifteen days of the issuance of the approval and prior to the event covered by the permit.
  3. If the organization does not provide medical/accident insurance for its participants, then the organization's registration form and other literature/notices concerning the event shall have the following statement conspicuously printed on the first page:

Medical/accident insurance is not provided by either Solebury  
Township or by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of applicant)

A space shall be provided on the registration form immediately below the above statement for the individual registrant to provide the name and policy number of their individual medical insurance coverage.
- F. Background clearance requirements for organized youth activities.
1. The applicant shall certify by letter to Solebury Township that all individuals associated with the youth group, association, firm, organization, or similar entity, such as but not limited to, coaches, officers, referees, volunteer aids, administrative personnel, and the like, who have a significant likelihood of regular contact with children, have been cleared by a background screening agency in accordance with the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. At a minimum, such screening shall include the following:
    - a. Pennsylvania State Police criminal record background check, or similar background screening process acceptable to Solebury Township



- b. Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare child abuse clearance.
  - c. Review of the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Registry.
  - d. FBI fingerprint screening.
2. A list of all individuals (first, middle, last name) that have been cleared by the background screening process shall be provided to the Township together with the certification letter.
  3. No certification shall be older than one year. Each certification shall have been performed in order to encompass the entire dates of use requested within the one year time period.

**SECTION IX. POSTING OF AREAS DESIGNATED FOR PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES.**

The Parks and Recreation Director shall designate or cause to be designated various areas of Township parks, open space areas, recreation facilities, or playground areas for specific purposes as hereinabove mentioned. The same shall be accomplished by appropriate posting of signs in or about the areas designating the uses and areas involved conspicuously so as to provide adequate notice to the public.

**SECTION X. ADMINISTRATION.**

The Director of Parks and Recreation shall administer the provisions of this Ordinance, including the collection of fees, preparation of application forms, issuance and revocation of permits, promulgation of rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Ordinance and all other decisions relative thereto. When acts or conduct of individuals or groups is determined to be in violation of this Ordinance or rules and regulations promulgated by the authority of this Ordinance; or determined not to be in the best interests of the Township or the Township park, open space area, recreation facility, or playground area; or when such acts are deemed to be disruptive to the surrounding neighborhood; or when such acts or conduct negatively affect other persons or entities or their property, the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his or her assigned agent, shall have the authority to cause such acts to be terminated; to expel the perpetrators of such acts; to call the Township Police to arrest and detain such individual or individuals; and/or to otherwise enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION X. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

- A. Any person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, corporation, or other entity violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punishable, upon conviction thereof, by a fine of not less than sixty dollars (\$60.00) nor more than six hundred dollars (\$600.00) and costs of prosecution.
- B. Any person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, corporation, or other entity who has removed, destroyed, damaged, defaced, or befouled or permitted the removal, destruction, damaging, defacing or befouling of any Township park, open space area, recreation facility, playground area, or the contents thereof, shall be responsible for the cost of maintenance, repair, or replacement of such damaged property, in addition to any fine.
- C. Further use of Township parks, open space areas, recreation facilities, or playground areas may be denied to violators of this Ordinance in addition to the imposition of fines or costs.
- D. In the case of destructive or violative action or activity by any person under the age of eighteen (18) years, the term "person violating" as set forth in this Section shall include, in addition to such person, the parent, parents, guardian, or any other person having lawful custody and control of such minor. Such parent, guardian, or person having lawful custody and control of such minor shall be considered separately and individually in violation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION XI. REPEALER.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION XII. SEVERABILITY.**

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section, or part thereof not been included therein.

**SECTION XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.**


This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-004  
(Signatures)


SO ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D., 2012.

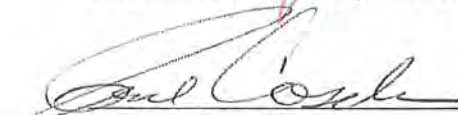
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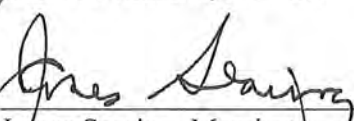
  
Gretchen Rice, Township Secretary

  
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Paul Cosdon, Member

  
Dominic Marano, Member

  
James Searing, Member

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP  
Bucks County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-008  
(Duly Adopted November 20, 2012)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING SECTION III.A.9 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2012-004 WHICH ESTABLISHED RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF TOWNSHIP PARKS.

*The Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township ("Township") does hereby ENACT AND ORDAIN the following:*

**Section 1.** Article III, Prohibited Conduct, of Ordinance No. 2012-004, Subsection A.9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9. Possession or use of any type of firearms where such possession or use is in violation of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, 18 Pa.C.S.A. §6101, *et seq.*; or carrying, showing, or using any other type of weapon not covered by this Act, including, but not limited to, tasers, knives, swords, and archery bows.

**Section 2.** Repealer. All ordinance or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.


**Section 3.** Severability. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section, or part thereof not been included therein.

**Section 4.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-008  
*(Signatures)*

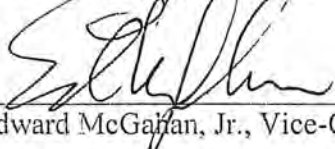
*SO ENACTED AND ORDAINED* this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2012.

ATTEST:

  
Gretchen Rice, Township Secretary

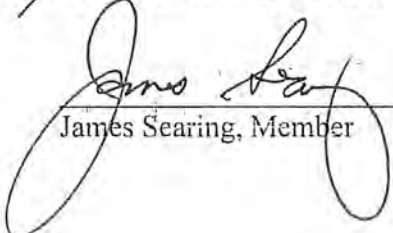
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**From:** Christopher Gaida  
**To:** Dudley Rice  
**Subject:** Permission to Place Earthcache  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 20, 2022 9:20:05 AM  
**Attachments:** (GCA33RE) Geology, Geometry, and Art by Awesnap.pdf

Mr. Rice,

I am seeking permission to place an earthcache in Magill's Hill Park. This is strictly a digital marker on a map to bring geocachers to observe the basalt that makes up the Tonka sculpture. I am contacting you because you are listed as the Parks & Recreation Director on the Solebury website.

EarthCaches are earth science lessons through geocaching that are verified by the Geological Society of America. Here is a link to that website:

[http://www.geosociety.org/GSA/Education\\_Careers/Field\\_Experiences/EarthCache/GS/fieldexp/EarthCache/guidelines/home.aspx](http://www.geosociety.org/GSA/Education_Careers/Field_Experiences/EarthCache/GS/fieldexp/EarthCache/guidelines/home.aspx)

I have attached a PDF copy of the geology lesson as it will appear on the [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) page. The lesson is strictly observational and requires no climbing or touching to perform the earth science lesson.

I have 59 earthcaches placed, and many of those are at places of historical significance. Usually, my caches bring about 25 people or less spread out throughout the year, and I have never had any National Parks, City Parks, or Historic Sites report any problems.

The Geological Society of America wants us to be good public stewards and make sure that the park knows this geology lesson is here. May I have permission to list a geocache on the internet to bring folks to the Tonka sculpture in Magill's Hill Park to answer geological questions about the basalt columns?

Thank you for your time,  
Chris Gaida

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Christopher Gaida  
12753 Stone Lined Circle  
Woodbridge, VA. 22192

**Geology, Geometry, and Art**

Placed by: Awesnap

Placed Date: 19.Dec.2022

N 40° 22.780 W 074° 57.819

UTM: 18T E 503085 N 4469898

Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

Size:  (Other)

Terrain: ★★☆☆☆

**Log Counts:****Long Description**

This is an Earthcache – as such, there is no physical cache. Instead after examining the basalt sculpture at the posted coordinates, you will answer 6 questions and message me the answers. This sculpture is in Magill's Hill Park with permission. The park grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk.



"TONKA" is sculpture is a creation of local Lambertville sculptor Harry H. Gordon that was constructed from basalt columns purchased from a quarry near Moses Lake, Washington. Basalt ("ba-SALT") is an Extrusive Igneous rock that makes up 90% of the Earth's Volcanic Rock. Most of it erupts quietly deep below the ocean along tectonic plate ridges. Lesser amounts of it erupt on volcanic ocean islands, or in occasional large outbursts elsewhere on the planet. It is formed from the rapid cooling of LAVA that is exposed at or very near the surface of the planet.



It was between 17 to 6 million years ago when the lava started flowing that created these pillared, tall rock outcroppings that rise up at a 90-degree angles from the ravines of the Columbia Plateau. This is a wide flood basalt plateau between the Cascade Range and the Rocky Mountains, cut through by the Columbia River. The lava that formed this basalt did not come cascading down from a traditional volcano, but rather from many fissures in the earth's crust. In geology, a fissure is a fracture or crack in rock along which there is a distinct separation; fissures are often filled with mineral-bearing materials. The fissures in the Columbia Plateau were elongated fractures and cracks at the Earth's surface from where the lava erupted.

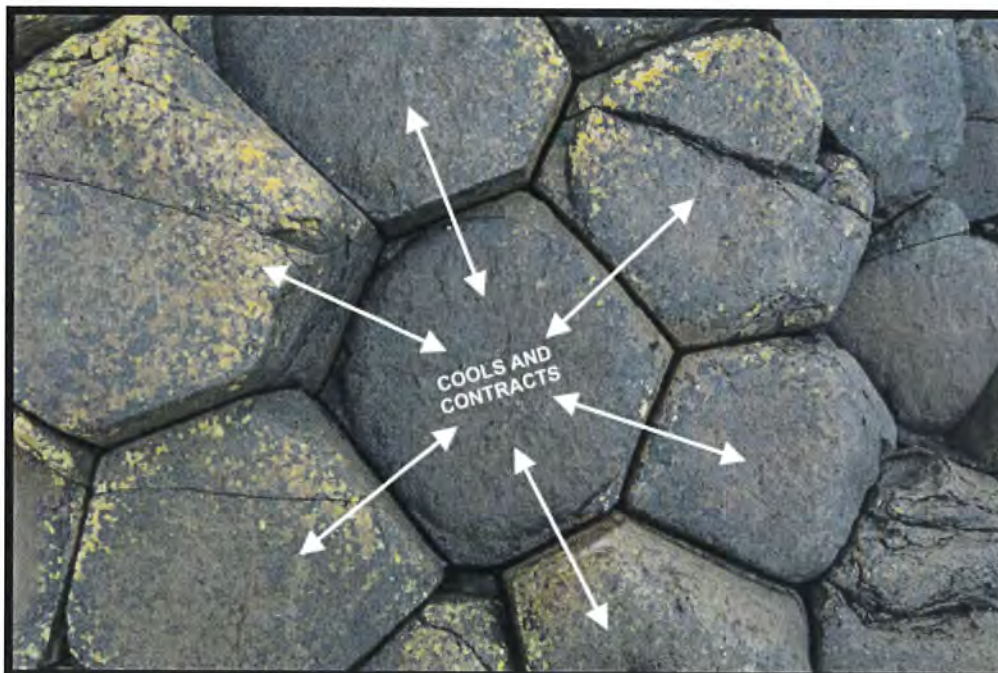


It is estimated there was about 300 individual lava flow outbreaks during that period that flooded the landscape. The lava generated from these fissures was massive and covered an area of 63,000 square miles throughout parts of Oregon and Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Nevada.





When the lava flooded the plateau it rapidly cooled and crystallized into basalt rock. Then, as the rock slowly cooled and contracted, it cracked into long geometric columns. This process is called columnar jointing. Typically, these columns cooled in polygonal joint patterns, usually creating three to five-sided columns.



Basalt is darker, denser, and finer grained when compared to the intrusive granites of the world. Just compare the Basalt Sculpture here to the light Vermont Granite base that it is displayed on. The base is an Igneous Intrusive rock, which cooled slowly under the earth's surface. As you can see the basalt columns that make up TONKA are darker and denser.

Compared to other rocks found on Earth's surface, basalts weather relatively fast. It is a porous rock, and typically iron-rich minerals oxidize rapidly in water and air, staining the rock a brown to red rust color due to iron oxide. Basalt is largely composed of minerals with little resistance to weathering. Hence, basalt also tends to crack and disintegrate faster than granite and other felsic rock types.

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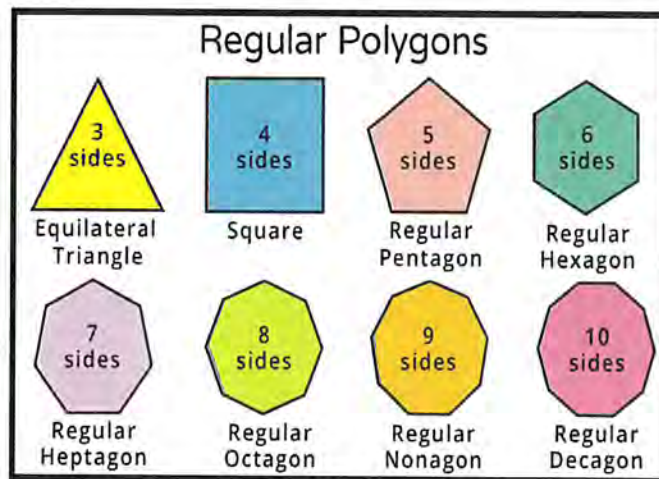
## LOGGING REQUIREMENTS:

To log this Earthcache: Read the geology lesson above. Answer all three questions posted below. Answers for 1-6 can be sent via e-mail or messenger contacts on my Geocaching profile.

QUESTION 1. TRUE or FALSE: *The Basalt that formed these Columns cascaded from a volcano.*

QUESTION 2. Are the crystals that make up the Intrusive Granite base larger or smaller than that of the the extrusive Basalt columns?

QUESTION 3. These columns were formed into polygonal joint patterns. How many sides and what polygonal shape is the vertical standing column?



QUESTION 4. Look at the polished and unpolished sections of this sculpture. What color is the polished areas of basalt columns?

QUESTION 5. Observe the stained color of the unpolished basalt. Does this indicate that iron rich minerals are present in the stone?

QUESTION 6. What other indications of weathering did you observe during your visit?


**OPTIONAL PHOTO:** Posting a photo that readily indicates that you (and anyone else logging the find) are at the location.



*Awesnap has earned GSA's highest level:*



### Additional Waypoints

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### Cache Attributes



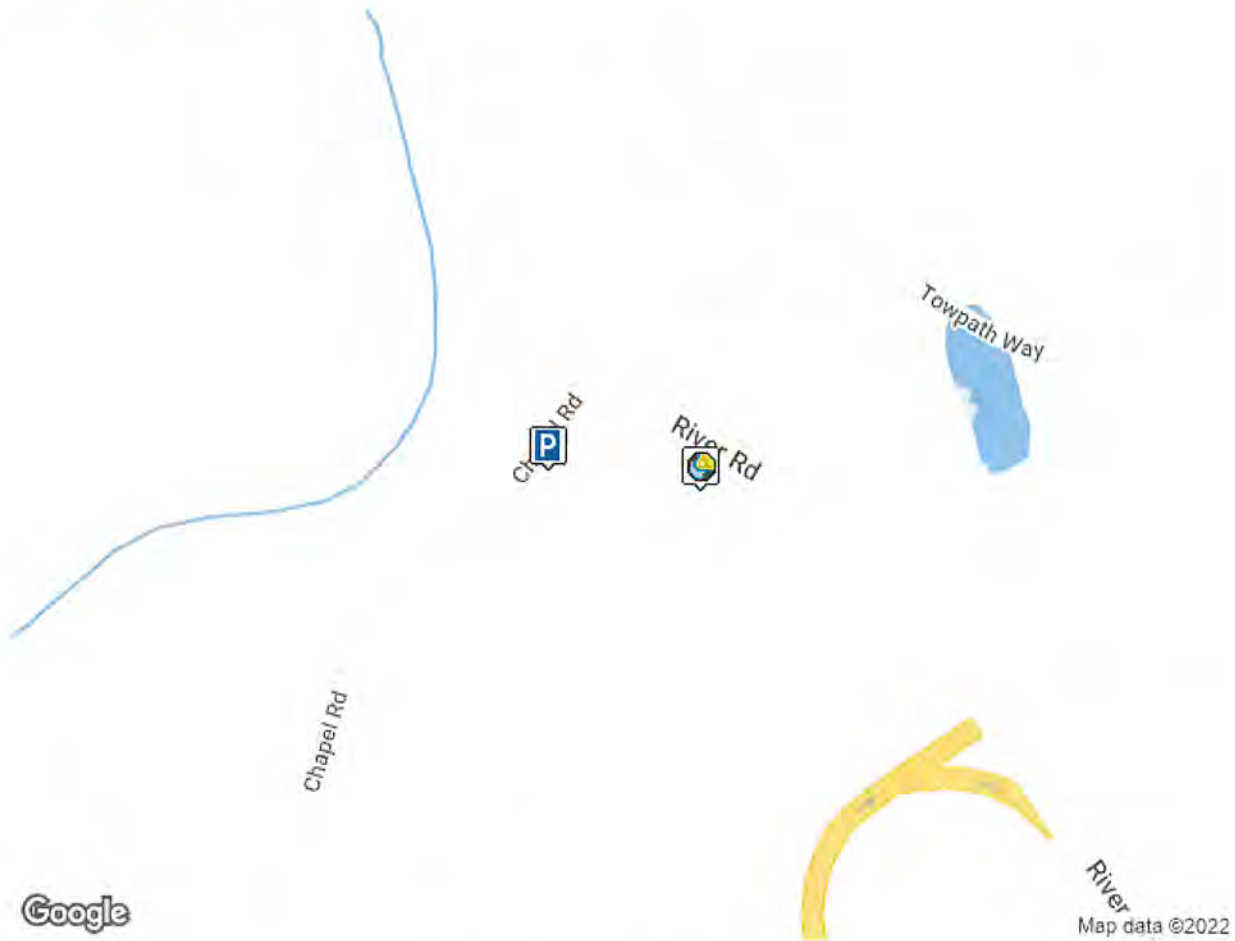
[What are Attributes?](#)

Not recommended at night, Not available 24/7, Bicycles allowed, Recommended for tourists, Parking nearby, Stroller accessible, Recommended for kids, Dogs allowed

### Logs

### Overview Map

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## **FROM THE ASAC FINAL REPORT**

The Bond House is an attractive old house with the potential to be a valuable community asset. Some of the space will be designated for township storage but the main rooms on the first floor could be cleaned and repaired for use.

### **Suggestions for the Bond House (post roof repair and renovations)**

1. Restrooms should be installed as soon as sufficient grant money is obtained or the township has funds

2. After the Bond House has been renovated: The Township could develop a system to lend out the space for special events (Such as the recent Walk in the Park)

Outside groups are already using the park for walks, bird watching and informal teaching and spiritual activities. Activities that do not relate to the park habitat or history are not encouraged.

- Special event talks relating to the park history and habitat
- Changing displays of historical artifacts relating to the site ie. Maps, arrow head collections, flora, etc.
- Install a small permanent set of interpretive panels as an exhibit about the park.
- Storage of all artifacts that relate to the house and site.

#### **• Recommendation 8**

***The committee recommends that the Township explore the potential for the Bond House to be used for community education and events related to the park.***