

Solebury Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023– 7:00 PM  
Hybrid Meeting

**MINUTES**

**Members in attendance:** Eric Allen (Chair), Christy Cheever (Vice Chair), Shannon Pendleton, Phil Getty, Scott Blank, Tim Marsh, Barry Fetterolf, Jeanne Litwin, John Francis (Board Liaison), and Kate Robeson-Grubb (Administrator).

**Absent:** Hope Blaythorne, Louise Levy

**Note:** Timestamps describe location in recorded video using *[hh:mm:ss]* format

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Mr. Allen called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. November 14, 2023 EAC meeting minutes approved by motion [00:01:11].

**MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Blank, and seconded by Ms. Pendleton, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to approve the EAC meeting minutes from November 14, 2023. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

- III. Announcements [00:01:15]
  - a. Mr. Allen announces that Ms. Levy has submitted her resignation from the EAC effective immediately.
  
- IV. New Business [00:02:27]
  - a. Ms. Cheever discusses Newtown Brough’s proposed single-use plastic ordinance provision for plastic utensils.
  
- V. Discussion Items [00:05:57]
  - a. Sustainability
    - Ms. Pendleton provides updates on Sustainability Subcommittee (SSC) projects and initiatives. Discussion ensues. Steve Matusz (resident) expresses concern regarding EV charging infrastructure, solar panels, and the associated hazards [00:17:11].
  
  - b. Social Media
    - Mr. Marsh provides updates on social media and the EAC calendar [00:19:55].

- c. Wild Area Stewardship/ Tree City/ Birdtown
  - Ms. Blaythorne was not in attendance to provide updates.
- d. DarkSky
  - Ms. Cheever provides updates on DarkSky research and local lighting ordinances [00:23:05]. Discussion ensues.
- e. Air Quality Ordinance
  - Given Ms. Levy's resignation, item will be moved back under the Energy Transition Plan (ETP) [00:32:41]. Discussion ensues.
- f. Recycling & Trash
  - Ms. Litwin provides updates (PowerPoint slides) to prospective e-waste recycling event [00:35:10]. Discussion ensues.
  - Mr. Blank provides updates on solid waste single-hauler project [00:43:45].

**MOTION: Upon a motion by Ms. Litwin, and seconded by Mr. Allen, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Solebury Township host an e-recycling event during the spring of 2024. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

- g. Miscellaneous
  - Mr. Getty and Ms. Pendleton discuss 11/27/2023 SSC meeting minutes [00:48:17].
  - Mr. Blank and Ms. Robeson-Grubb discuss Local Climate Action Plan (LCAP) collaboration with Penn State students [00:49:55].
  - Mr. Getty provides updates on Bedminster Township's fireworks ordinance [00:52:45]. Discussion ensues.

VI. Public Comment [01:03:35]

- a. Steve Matusz expresses concern regarding recyclability of lithium batteries.
- b. Joe Tiesler expresses concern regarding the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) burning ordinance.
- c. John DeAndrea expresses concerns regarding feasibility of renewable energy transition.
- d. Kenneth Mintz expresses concerns regarding noise pollution.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kate Robeson-Grubb