Solebury Township Environmental Advisory Council February 27th, 2024 – 7:00 PM Hybrid Meeting

MINUTES

Members in attendance: Eric Allen (Chair), Shannon Pendleton, Phil Getty, Scott Blank, Jeanne Litwin,

Hope Blaythorne, John Francis (Board Liaison), and Kate Robeson-Grubb (Administrator).

Absent: Tim Marsh, Barry Fetterolf

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 [00:01:
 - a. December 5, 2023 EAC meeting minutes approved by motion.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Blank, and seconded by Mr. Getty, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to approve the EAC meeting minutes from December 5th, 2023. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- III. Announcements [00:01:08]
 - a. No new announcements
- IV. New Business [00:01:13]
 - a. Mr. Marsh was appointed to position of EAC Vice Chair by motion [00:02:20].
 - b. Reassignment of projects: DarkSky to be assume Ms. Blaythorne and Mr. Getty, and Single-Use Plastics to be assigned to Ms. Litwin [00:02:50].
- V. Discussion Items [00:06:00]
 - a. Sustainability
 - Ms. Pendleton provides updates on Sustainability Subcommittee (SSC) projects and initiatives.
 - Events approved by motion(s) [00:24:30]:

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Allen, and seconded by Mr. Getty, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to approve the holding of a Sustainability Forum at New Hope-Solebury High School on April 4th, 2024 (6-8pm). The motion carried with a majority vote (one in dissent; Saturday, April 6th would have been preferred).

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Getty, and seconded by Ms. Pendleton, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to approve EAC member attendance and providing of educational materials at the Bucks County Audubon Society Earth Day Event on April 13th and New Hope-Solebury High School EV Car Show on April 27th, 2024. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

 Mr. Francis and members discuss potential for additional EV charging infrastructure [00:27:30].

b. Social Media

- Mr. Marsh was not in attendance to provide updates.
- c. Wild Area Stewardship | Tree City | Birdtown | DarkSky
 - Ms. Blaythorne provides updates on Tree City application status, Bird Town, and Wild Area Stewardship projects. Discussion ensues [00:37:50].
- d. Solid Waste | Recycling & Single-Use Plastics
 - Ms. Litwin provides updates to Township recycling webpage and Electronics Recycling Event (3/23). Discussion ensues [00:59:52].
 - Mr. Allen discusses amendment to language in Single-Use Plastics Ordinance [01:09:40].
- e. Watersheds
 - Mr. Getty provides updates on watershed associations, New Hope Quarry, and future events [01:20:53].
- f. Miscellaneous
 - Mr. Allen discusses and provides updates to USDA Deer Management Program [01:16:25].
 - Mr. Getty revisits crop-duster sighting [01:23:05].
 - Mr. Blank provides updates on solid waste single-hauler project [01:35:36].
- VI. Public Comment [01:37:15]
 - a. No public comment
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Mr. Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

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Respectfully Submitted, Kate Robeson-Grubb