

Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee

October 26, 2020 – 7:00 PM

ZOOM Videoconference

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Michael Zolkewitz called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
  - b. The following persons were in attendance: Barry Fetterolf, John S Francis, Dan Dupont, Darcy Fair, Nancy Stock-Allen, and Michael Zolkewitz. Guests included Barbara Zietchick of the Solebury Township Parks and Recreation Committee.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. Dan D. made a motion to approve the January 27, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Barry F.
- III. Supervisor Liaison Project Status Update
  - a. Trails
    - i. Dennis has been working with Township administration to get trails created in the park. In 2021, the Township will continue to work on the trail along route 202, which includes water control and stormwater management. The completion of this part of the trail should alleviate any water temperature concerns.
  - b. Plants
    - i. A rare type of perennial herb (*Juncus dichotomous* [common name: Forked Rush]) may have been identified within the park. Should the presence of this species be confirmed, this could have important implications for the park, including being designated as critical habitat for the state of Pennsylvania.
    - ii. Local students of landscape architecture at Delaware Valley University have created presentations about the park. The committee would like to encourage their involvement by inviting them to address the committee and share their suggestions.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Response to the comment regarding farmland

- i. The committee unanimously agreed that farming is not an appropriate use for this park, and that there are other locations in the Township that are better suited for this activity.
  - b. Future of the committee
    - i. Nancy S. was introduced as an official member of the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee, and it was recognized that Frank Nassetta has resigned from his position. Dan D. and the rest of the committee expressed their extreme gratitude to Frank N. for his many years of commitment to both Solebury Township and the Aquetong Spring Park.
    - ii. Dan D. shared that at the last Parks and Recreation meeting, a motion was made to advise the township on the formation of a Aquetong Park subcommittee. The committee would draw on members from Parks and Recreation, the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee, and other relevant committees to ensure a broad swath of community participation in the planning of the Township's newest park
    - iii. Michael Z. expressed that the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee is at a turning point. A presentation was shared about the purpose of the committee, and a discussion took place about what the most appropriate path forward would be.
    - iv. **NEXT STEP: Michael Z., Dan D. and John F. will coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Director about how the structure of a subcommittee would work.**
    - v. Michael Z. made a motion to meet on Monday, November 30 to discuss the structure of a future committee.
- V. Adjournment
  - a. Michael Z. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. The motion was seconded by Dan D.