

Solebury Township
Environmental Advisory Council
November 14, 2023– 7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

MINUTES

Members in attendance: Eric Allen (Chair), Christy Cheever (Vice Chair), Shannon Pendleton, Phil Getty, Scott Blank, Hope Blaythorne, Tim Marsh, Barry Fetterolf, Jeanne Litwin, Louise Levy, Robert McEwan (Board Liaison to EAC), and Kate Robeson-Grubb (Administrator).

Absent: None

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 7:02 PM.

- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. July 11, 2023/August 8, 2023/September 12, 2023 approved by motion *[00:03:10]*.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Blank, and seconded by Mr. Allen, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to approve the minutes from all three meetings (July 11th, 2023/August 8th, 2023/September 12th, 2023). The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- III. Announcements *[00:03:15]*
 - a. Mr. Allen and the EAC congratulate Ms. Cheever on being elected to the Board of Supervisors, whose term will begin on January 1st, 2024.

- IV. New Business *[00:05:07]*
 - a. Junior Members & Required Adult Member Clearances
 - Member discussion ensues. Motion to not pursue concept of Junior Associate EAC Members *[00:12:20]*.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Allen, and seconded by Mr. Blank, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to not pursue the concept of Junior Associate EAC Members at this time. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- b. EAC Logo
 - Members review draft logos and discussion ensues. Motion to look into other EAC logo options *[00:23:00]*.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Marsh, and seconded by Mr. Getty, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to authorize Tim Marsh to work with Michele Blood and Township graphic design contractor in order to come up with several drafts of the EAC logo that eliminates the leaf design, and places EAC text stylistically adjacent to Solebury logo. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

V. Discussion Items [00:23:05]

a. Sustainability

- Ms. Pendleton provides updates on Sustainability [00:23:30]. Ms. Litwin appointed as SSC Co-Lead by motion [00:27:00]. Motion to release Draft SSC Minutes after its monthly meetings [00:38:30]. SSC operations defined by motion [00:41:00].

MOTION: Upon a motion by Ms. Pendleton, and seconded by Mr. Allen, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to appoint Ms. Litwin as Co-lead of the Sustainability Sub Committee (SSC). The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Ms. Pendleton, and seconded by Mr. Blank, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to allow the Sustainability Sub Committee (SSC) to release draft minutes to all EAC members and select points of contact on other Township committees for internal review. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Ms. Pendleton, and seconded by Mr. Allen, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve that Sustainability Sub Committee (SSC) meetings remain strictly virtual, and henceforth be publicly advertised. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

b. Social Media

- Mr. Marsh provides updates on Social Media [00:41:25]. Members discuss protocol developed by Mr. Marsh that outlines methods to request EAC webpage changes.

c. Wild Area Stewardship/ Tree City/ Birdtown

- Ms. Blaythorne provides updates on Tree City [00:48:00]. Member discussion ensues. Ms. Blaythorne then gives updates on Birdtown [01:02:15].

d. DarkSky

- Ms. Cheever provides updates on DarkSky initiative [01:04:43]. Ms. Cheever intends to consult Mark Freed regarding drafting a lighting ordinance.

e. Air Quality Ordinance

- Ms. Levy provides updates on enforcement of Air Quality Ordinance [01:11:30]. Ms. Levy provides summary of findings, potential, and struggles—member discussion ensues.

f. Recycling & Trash

- Ms. Litwin provides updates regarding recycling webpage on Township website [01:24:15]. Member discussion ensues. Approved by motion to implement Ms. Litwin’s proposed changes to recycling webpage [01:32:00].

MOTION: Upon a motion by Ms. Litwin, and seconded by Mr. Marsh, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to approve the changes proposed by Ms. Litwin to the recycling webpage on the Township website. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Mr. Blank provides updates via presentation on single-waste-hauler project [01:33:45]. Mr. Blank also describes findings from participation in virtual session hosted by Bucks County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (BCSWAC). Awaiting updates from administration on sending information requests to HOAs.

g. Miscellaneous

- Mr. Getty provides updates on Nockamixon Township Hydro Ordinance [01:39:20]. Mr. Getty suggests looking into a potential fireworks ordinance in order to mitigate associated hazards and noise pollution—discussion ensues. Mr. Getty to look into potential seed-sowing/crop-dusting aircraft sighting.

VI. Public Comment [01:44:00]

- a. Kenneth Mintz expresses concerns regarding pickleball courts and associated noise pollution.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Robeson-Grubb