

Solebury Township
Environmental Advisory Council
January 14, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Eric Allen (Chair), Timothy Marsh, Shannon Pendleton, Jeanne Litwin, Philip Getty, Hope Blaythorne, Barry Fetterolf, John Francis (Board Liaison), 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 7:03 PM.*
- II. Approval of Minutes [00:00:05]
 - a. *November 12, 2024, EAC meeting minutes approved by motion.*
 - b. *November 18, 2024, SSC meeting minutes approved by motion.*

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Getty, and seconded by Mr. Fetterolf, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to approve the EAC meeting minutes from November 12, 2024. The motion carried with a UNANIMOUS vote.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Fetterolf, and seconded by Ms. Litwin, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to approve the SSC meeting minutes from November 18, 2024. The motion carried with a UNANIMOUS vote.

- III. Announcements [00:00:40]
 - a. *Eugene Lewis declined renewal of status as EAC Associate Member.*
- IV. New Business [00:01:43]
 - a. *Timothy Marsh is appointed as Vice Chair of the EAC for 2025.*

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Allen, and seconded by Ms. Litwin, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to appoint Timothy Marsh as Vice Chair of the EAC for 2025. The motion carried with a UNANIMOUS vote.

- b. *Prompted by Mr. Allen, EAC members discuss goals and objectives for 2025 (at length).*

- c. *EAC members discuss environmental concerns associated with gasoline-powered leaf blowers.*

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Marsh and seconded by Mr. Allen, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to begin exploring the possibilities and implications of an ordinance that would limit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in the Township. The motion carried with a UNANIMOUS vote.

V. Discussion Items [01:07:45]

- a. Comprehensive Plan Committee
 - *No updates at this time.*
- b. Comprehensive Parks Committee [01:07:53]
 - *Ms. Litwin provides updates regarding the Comprehensive Parks Committee's community outreach efforts and their general timeline.*
- c. Sustainability [01:09:22]
 - *This item was addressed during prior discussion under "New Business".*
- d. Social Media [01:09:30]
 - *Mr. Marsh provides updates regarding the upcoming SSC webinar segment on January 22nd, as well as prompts discussion about the Township website.*
- e. Wild Area Stewardship / Tree City / Birdtown / DarkSky [01:11:05]
 - *Ms. Blaythorne discusses priorities for environmental stewardship projects.*
- f. Solid Waste / Recycling / Single-Use Plastics [01:18:45]
 - *Ms. Litwin proposes that the 2025 E-Recycling Event be held on May 10th at the NHS High School East Lot. Discussion of additional details ensues.*
- g. Watersheds [01:26:10]
 - *Mr. Getty provides updates regarding the local watersheds and strategies for stormwater management in the Township. Discussion ensues.*
 - *Ms. Pendleton discusses the upcoming restoration and remediation projects at Aquetong Spring Park.*
- h. Ordinance Updates [--:--:--]
 - *No updates at this time.*
- i. Miscellaneous [01:47:10]
 - *Mr. Allen comments on the availability of affordable housing in the Township. Discussion ensues.*

VI. Public Comment [--:--:--]

- a. *No public comment at this time.*

VII. Adjournment

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

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Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Robeson-Grubb