



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes April 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Chair Phil Wooldridge, Vice Chair Dan Kurela, Rich Larsen, Doug Hankin, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz Absent: Joanne Ward, Tom Webster, Maureen Bonner

Public Comment None

Approval of minutes

Ms. Gonski made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting, seconded by Mr. Larsen. All in favor.

Communications

Ms. Greason sent a thank you card for her appreciation gift.

The LTEC received a Notice to Neighboring Landowners in regards to a Freshwater Wetlands Application for a general permit for the construction of a subsurface sewer system to be built on a lot in Liberty Twp. The LTEC had no comments or questions regarding the application at this time.

Old Business

Dark Skies Ordinance: Mr. Kurela updated the Commission with the light pollution survey. About less than 2 dozen emails have been received from Survey Monkey regarding participation. Mr. Kurela recommends more advertising to promote – possibly through lawn signs, social media, and word of mouth. Flyers were made and distributed to the commission to be displayed at various locations to promote the survey.

Cabin Fever Workshop: Great job to all! More than 35 folks in attendance. The event was well organized and received. Discussion ensued on possible ideas for next year: more native workshops, rain garden workshop.

NJ Tree Recovery Program Free Trees: Flyer for the event was reviewed. Comments made for some changes. Ms. Schaaf will update. Copies were made for commissioners to post and share to boost advertising for tree giveaway.

Clean Communities: Ms. Schaaf will contact Lynn Rutkowski for more information and questions about disposal of garbage collected. Discussion took place regarding a clean-up day to be held in October for Make a Difference Day.

New Business

Moth Night: Mr. Wooldridge reached out to Blaine and confirmed his availability. Mr. Wooldridge also reached out to Jane Bullis and Mansfield Environmental Commission to confirm their support for a summer moth night. Moth week is July 22-30th. LTEC would possibly be interested in hosting the event in August. More information to follow in May.

Community Day: 1pm set up for LTEC at the event. Doug and Diane can assist Shannon in bringing tables and giveaways. Meet at the municipal building. Dan will bring tent and balloon launch. The LTEC will provide 3 standard portable potties and 1 handicap accessible potty, plus handwashing station for the event.

Approval of Expenditures

Solitude Lake Management: Ms. Gonski made the nomination to recommend approval of the contract by the Township Committee, Seconded by Mr. Hankin. All in favor.

Commissioner and Public Comments

Mr. Hankin and Ms. Gonski presented information regarding Heritage Tree Farm in TN. The organization propagates seedlings from historic trees and has them available for sale. More to discuss in May.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Approved 5/18/17