



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes August 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Chair Phil Wooldridge, Vice Chair Dan Kurela, Rich Larsen, Maureen Bonner, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz

Absent: Joanne Ward, Doug Hankin, Tom Webster

Public Comment None

Approval of minutes

Mr. Kurela made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting, seconded by Ms. Bonner. All in favor.

Communications

An OPRA request was received in July regarding 14 Pine Drive and any environmental/historical data available in the Environmental Commission's records. No information was found and a response was provided within the allotted time.

Old Business

Dark Skies Ordinance: Mr. Kurela drafted an ordinance and emailed it to everyone. Input and comments are being requested for the September meeting. Nothing regarding lights at and on the lake is mentioned.

Community Event: Ms. Schaaf and Mr. Wooldridge will follow up with Gil regarding a possible partnership for dark skies at the observatory.

Pavilion planting: Ms. Schaaf has sent Rutgers contact several photos of the area and the requirements/wants from the Township regarding maintenance, etc. Ms. Schaaf will reach out to Mr. Grover regarding obtaining copies of the plan for the beach area. Mr. Kurela has reached out ANJEC regarding possible grants.

Rizzo's Reptile show: The Liberty Twp. Summer Rec loved the show from Rizzo's, which was paid for by the Environmental Commission. They were very thankful for the support.

New Business

Environmental Excellence Award: No nomination from the EC this year.

NJDEP fish survey at Mountain Lake: The NJDEP has requested approval from Liberty Township to continue an ongoing study of fish tissue in the lake. Ms. Schaaf will email the LTEC members information regarding the study.

Chemical List for website: The LTEC was approved by the Committee to move forward on organizing a list of chemicals and their MSDS forms to be made available to the public. The list would be an informational who, what, where list of chemicals used in town by both the Township and other agencies.

Grants for Lake planting and erosion control: Dan will email results from ANJEC to the commission.

Lake Management: The Commission and Secretary will look into how other lakes similar in size and composition. The MLCA & WAG are already looking into alternative options for management including using a clamshell rake.

Commission Member Reports