



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes September 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair at 7:04 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

Ms. Bonner made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2017 meeting, seconded by Ms. Gonski. All in favor.

Communications

The Liberty Township received a donation of Watershed and Nonpoint source pollution posters from the Mt. Lake Community Association. The LTEC will donate them to local schools.

Old Business

Dark Skies Ordinance: Mr. Kurela presented a revised draft of the ordinance for comment. Definitions will be added at the top of the document for clarification. The online survey is officially closed. About 70 responses were received. Mr. Kurela has found a similar ordinance regarding lights near water. He will include in a new draft and email to the group. Holiday lighting is excluded. Suggested to compare with East Amwell and Hampton lighting ordinances.

Pavilion Planting: Ms. Schaaf has emailed the contact at Rutgers and has no received word back as of yet. Also, waiting to receive a copy of the plan for the lake shoreline from the Township. Ms. Schaaf will reach out to Mr. Grover and Rutgers for next month.

NJDEP Fish Study: In August, the NJDEP Fish and Wildlife were approved to conduct a study on Mountain Lake for mercury levels found in fish tissue. This study has been conducted several times in the past. The results from the 2016 study were released and presented to the LTEC. LTEC recommends the results be posted on the bulletin board and online. Ms. Schaaf will follow up.

Chemical List for Liberty Twp.: This is in progress. Ms. Schaaf will contact Chuck to identify chemicals used in Liberty Twp. Ms. Schaaf has reached out regarding contact information for the website builder, but has had no word back. Recommended layout for the chemical list includes the following: make it a three click set up, listing chemicals, who uses them, and SDS sheets. Ms. Schaaf will reach out to ANJEC for suggestions or sample towns.

New Business

Grants for Planting at the Lake: The LTEC has a comprehensive list of potential funders on file.

Weed Management at Mt. Lake: Rutgers is hosting a two-day Lake Management Course on Nov. 16 – 17 regarding lake ecology, IPM, lake restoration, silt and erosion issues, etc. LTEC has money in the budget to cover the cost for two individuals to attend. Some information regarding floating wetlands was presented by Ms. Schaaf as a potential project to help reduce nitrogen and phosphorous that would fuel the excessive growth of algae and certain aquatic plants. Ms. Schaaf will email the link to

the members. The Mt. Lake Community Association is looking into the use of a clamshell rake to reduce the lily pads and spatterdock in the lake. When the meeting is organized, Ms. Schaaf will share the date with the LTEC.

Commission Member Reports

None

Approval of Expenditures

None

Commissioner and Public Comments

The Mt. Lake Community Association is selling magnets as a fundraiser. Ms. Schaaf will bring some in for next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.
Approved 11/16/17