



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes October 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

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

Absent: Joanne Ward, Tom Webster

Public Comment None

Approval of minutes

The minutes from September 21, 2017 were tabled for November.

Communications

Response received from the Zoning official regarding the Dark Skies Ordinance draft.

Old Business

Dark Skies Ordinance: Mr. Kurela presented another draft of the ordinance for review and discussion. Comments were to add foot candle to definitions section; Ms. Bonner had questions regarding house lights, recommended adding exception if required for safety or at the discretion of zoning officer. Questions arose about those who work late hours – recommended extending time to midnight. Under C, 2b – questions arose about metal pole only; recommended softer language and possibly apply to new construction only. Mr. Larsen brought up questions about compliance. Recommended edit for next month. Suggestions to create a Google drive for all to access the ordinance and create a trifold handout as educational material to support the ordinance.

Chemical List for website: No update.

Pavilion Planting: No update.

Clamshell Rake at Mountain Lake: Joint Twp. and community meeting to be organized for January.

New Business

Welcome to the Watershed Bags: Three quotes were received for the printing of the bags from three local vendors, My Private label, Swift Print Solutions, and Abilities. A motion was made to approve the purchase of 50 bags from Abilities at \$4.25 each by Ms. Gonski, seconded by Mr. Hankin. All in favor. Question arose about the origin of the logo. Ms. Schaaf will inquire with Ms. Greason.

Rutgers Lake Management Training: No LTEC members will be able to attend.

Commission Member Reports

Ms. Bonner: Attended the Annual ANJEC Environmental Congress and shared information about the sessions she attended and the literature she received. Ms. Bonner also received every presentation on a USB key that will be shared with the LTEC members. The Congress had a Leading with Local Action theme and focused on rebuilding green and highlighted local EC success stories. Information was shared regarding updated and newer environmental policies on the Federal, State and local levels. Attended a viewing of Groundswell Rising. The documentary is available to borrow from ANJEC. Possible opportunity to host a movie showing and partner with Mansfield Twp. Ms.

Bonner received a copy of the League of Conservation Voters Green Policy guide, information regarding Question #2 on the ballot for 2017, and priority actions to combat climate change.

Approval of Expenditures

A motion was made by Mr. Kurela to approve the payment of \$80.00 for Ms. Bonner to attend the ANJEC Environmental Congress. Seconded by Ms. Gonski. All in favor.

Commissioner and Public Comments

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Approved 11/16/17