



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes November 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:08 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Chair Phil Wooldridge, Vice Chair Dan Kurela, Tom Webster, Doug Hankin, Rich Larsen, Maureen Bonner, first alternate Diane Gonski,

Absent: Joanne Ward, second alternate Helen Danitz

Public Comment None

Approval of minutes

The minutes from September 21, 2017 and October 19, 2017 were approved by a motion made by Mr. Hankin, seconded by Mr. Larsen. All in favor.

Communications

A letter regarding an application the NJDEP regarding a new septic system at a residence at Park Street was received. The letter is a formality for notification to the town. There were no issues or concerns.

NJDEP Watershed Ambassador from WMA 1(Upper Delaware): Our area Watershed Ambassador, Alex, was in attendance at the meeting. Alex informed the LTEC of her work and what her program does in communities – i.e. water quality training, educational workshops, etc. Alex has agreed to help promote watershed education at Community Day in 2018. The LTEC is also interested in partnering with Alex to host a water quality monitoring workshop in partnership with MLCA & WAG in the spring. Alex is also interested in partnering with the LTEC for an Earth Day planting at the Pavilion at Mountain Lake, with possible addition of rain barrels. Discussion ensued regarding a Water Festival through a Project WET grant with EC/MLCA for a Summer Rec program. More discussion took place about Alex attending the Cabin Fever workshop, which is tentatively scheduled for March 24th.

Old Business

Dark Skies Ordinance: The LTEC will request to present information to the Twp. Committee at their next workshop meeting in January. Ms. Schaaf will draft a PowerPoint presentation for review next month regarding the top 10 reasons for addressing light pollution, and reach out to the NJ State Police regarding lighting for safety and security and any handouts they may have.

Chemical List for Website: Progress being made. More to present next month.

Planting at Lake Pavilion: The charrette is no longer possible; however Rutgers Water Resources will utilize their Landscape Architect and Engineer to come up with a plan for the area. Should receive more information for next meeting. If plan is received and can coordinate before spring, the LTEC could have a volunteer supported Earth Day planting on April 22, 2018.

Welcome to the Watershed Bags: bags will be available at the December meeting. We will stuff them with literature for future hand-out.

Bird House Project: Ms. Schaaf reached out to Hannah regarding the birdhouses. She is working on building them this winter and hoping to install in the spring.

New Business

Cabin Fever Workshop Ideas: Possible water theme, regarding nonpoint source pollution, watershed education and potential partnership with Watershed Ambassador.

Commission Member Reports

Ms. Danitz had a question regarding holiday lights to be placed on the tree planted for Eckhardt. The LTEC has no problem with the solar lights being added by the family.

Approval of Expenditures

None

Commissioner and Public Comments

Discussion took place regarding the weeds at the lake. The best time of year for the work to be done will be in the fall of 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Approved 12/21/17