



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes February 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

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

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January 18, 2018 were approved by a motion made by Dan Kurela, seconded by Doug Hankin. All in favor.

Communications

ARC News- Magazine received regarding mapping software, updates and successful uses
Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission – Legal notification received regarding the WCMEC application to NJDEP to conduct mosquito control practices and projects across Warren County, including Liberty Twp.

Old Business

Dark Skies – the EC will present at the Twp. Committee workshop meeting. Mr. Kurela spoke to Eric regarding the draft and requested feedback. Our draft is based off of 16 existing models in the tri-state area. Mr. Kurela will share with ANJEC and inquire about grants.

Chemical List for Website: In progress.

Earth Day Planting: Plans just received from Rutgers today. Ms. Schaaf will share with commission and Township Committee. Several native nurseries in the area: Regina Farms, Wild Ridge and Prides Corner. Ms. Schaaf will take soil samples from 10-12 different locations near the west shoreline by the pavilion. A planting plan for a buffer between the concrete pier and the old steps by the pavilion along Lakeside Drive West will be drafted and presented to the Committee for approval for Earth Day planting. Mr. Kurela will get some pictures and suggested possible need for fencing to protect plant materials.

Cabin Fever Workshop: Watershed Ambassador is confirmed. She will bring macroinvertebrates and do a 20-30 minute presentation. Suggested additions: water testing strips for comparison, possible short video about water quality, history of the spring house at the Lake, information about Mountain Lake watershed and MLCA & WAG. Ms. Schaaf will purchase supplies for a dragon fly craft for the event. All will bring some drinks and baked goods to share. Flyer drafted and will be advertised and shared with the Commission.

Township Newsletter: Blurb for Environmental Commission printed.

Fish Habitat at the lake: No update yet.

New Business

Moth Night at the Lake: Possible partnership with NJ Natural lands Trust for an August event. Shannon will reach out to the Mt. Lake Fire Company for possible dates and follow-up with Martin Rapp.

Egg Addling: The Twp. will be partnering with MLCA & WAG to addle eggs in the bog and around the interior of the lake to reduce resident Canadian goose population.

Free Tree Application: EC will apply for 400 tree seedlings to give away on May 5th at the pavilion. Shannon will reach out to White Twp. about partnership opportunity.

ANJEC Grant application: Mr. Kurela will work on the application to support Smart Lighting Solutions in Liberty Township.

Commission Member Reports

No updates from land Use Committee.

Expenditures

None

Adjournment: 9:04 PM

Approved 4.19.18