



## LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### Regular Meeting Minutes April 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:04 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### Roll

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

#### Public Comment None

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 15, 2018 were approved by a motion made by Maureen Bonner, seconded by Diane Gonski. All in favor.

#### Communications

Communications received regarding Wellness Challenge in Wildwood Crest

#### Old Business

Smart Lighting Solutions – No official feedback from Township Committee or Land Use Board on draft ordinance. Ms. Schaaf will reach out to Knowlton regarding any work on a similar ordinance or if one exists already. Can distribute information at Community Day.

Tree Giveaway: 400 trees will be made available on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am to anyone who wants one. Flyer provided and will be distributed. Posted on local forums, blogs, WRNJ calendar, Warren County Tourism and a press release was sent out via email.

Fish Habitat at the lake: No update for now. This will be a longer process due to Highlands restrictions and other NJDEP approvals. Ms. Schaaf questioned the stocking of fish, species to be stocked.

Floating Wetlands: Discussion ensued regarding the benefit of installing floating wetlands vs. recreating wetland areas. Ms. Schaaf will follow up with Solitude, Trout Unlimited and MLCA/WAG for support and possible grant info.

#### New Business

Moth Night at Mt. Lake: August 24<sup>th</sup> confirmed at the MLFC Firehouse. Ms. Schaaf will reach out and see if the Firehouse has a projector that can be used and if they are interested in selling food and drinks. Possible to set up a camera link for easy moth viewing. Signs will need to be updated/made to promote the event. Wild Ridge can be invited to attend with native plants. This event will be supported by NJ Natural Lands Trust.

Fall Composting Workshop: Funds available from Recycling money to hire a speaker for a fall workshop. Need suggestions for presenter. More at next meeting.

#### Commission Member Reports

Suggestions arose regarding brainstorming over the next year for giveaways, an observatory visit, brochures regarding dark skies and smart lighting for residents for education. Possible Cabin Fever workshop for next year.

Mr. Kurela shared photos of his conservation/native planting area using native seeds. Meadow has been installed Prep work took the most time. He added topsoil, peat, and lime and removed weeds from the site. Planted seed about 3 weeks later. Expecting September to be an ideal example of success rate and beauty for future consideration at the pavilion.

Ms. Schaaf informed the Commission that Open Space will convene a meeting to review the plans. Will advise of the date once notified.

Ms. Ward updated the commission about the last meeting of the Land Use Board. The Board will be looking into falling structures/abandoned and neglected homes that pose a safety issue to the public. A subcommittee will be formed to conduct a survey throughout town and will discuss next steps and more information at next meeting.

Ms. Schaaf updated the commission on the Mt. Lake Community Association's egg addling program. Two nests were identified and oiled.

#### Approval of Expenditures

Lake Management proposals. Two quotes were received for treatment during the 2018 season. Solitude Lake Management will visit twice per month and treat once per month as needed for \$1980. Aquatic Analysts submitted a proposal for treatment that would be equivalent to Solitude at \$2180 for the season. A motion was made by Dan Kurela, seconded by Diane Gonski to continue the per treatment services of Solitude Lake Management. All in favor.

Adjournment: 8:30 PM

Approved 5.17.18