



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes May 17, 2018

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

Roll

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

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April 19, 2018 were approved by a motion made by Rich Larsen, seconded by Diane Gonski. All in favor.

Communications

None

Old Business

Smart Lighting Solutions – There is a trifold and quad-fold from Dark Skies that can be used as a handout for Community Day. Mr. Kurela found a 1 page simple residential lighting ordinance from Upstate NY and will share with the group.
Tree Giveaway: All 400 trees were given away. About 130 of them given away from the municipal building within two days.

Fish Habitat at the lake: No update. Ms. Schaaf will follow up with Pat Hamilton and inquire about stocking practices and possibility to stop stocking muskellunge at the lake. A motion was made by the Vice Chair to send the DEP Fish & Wildlife a letter requesting no more Muskie be stocked at Mt. Lake. Seconded by Maureen. All in favor.

Floating Wetlands: Ernst Seed Company has seeds for wetland plantings. Ms. Schaaf will follow up with Solitude and Trout Unlimited in regards to partnership planting to restore the wetlands at the lake. Possible future project.

New Business

Moth Night at Mt. Lake: Ms. Schaaf will reach out to Wild Ridge Plants about possibly selling native plants at the event as well as providing some discussion about the benefits of native as habitat for moths. Ms. Schaaf will follow up with Blaine, the firehouse, and NJ Lands Trust to confirm pricing, promotional pics, and details to organize a flyer and advertise. Dan will look into signs for the event.

Fall Composting Workshop: Look for examples of composting/recycling signs to create and post for the Township shredding event. Maureen will book Jersey Worms for a vermicomposting workshop and a DIY worm bin discussion for October or early November for 1-3pm.

Community Day: The LTEC will host a table from 3-5pm with simple toss games or Frisbee golf. Free giveaways and literature to be handed out. Set up at 2pm.

Commission Member Reports

Rich reported that he gave away welcome bags to his new neighbors. Suggestions were given to increase what is in the bags, i.e. local coupons, Warren County Tourism information, local BID info and maps from Belvidere, Hackettstown, and Washington and local sights, i.e. wolf preserve, etc.

Approval of Expenditures

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.
Approved 7.19.18