



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes August 9, 2018

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

Roll

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

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from July 19, 2018 were approved by a motion made by Diane Gonski, seconded by Dan Kurela. All in favor.

Communications

An email was forwarded by the Clerk regarding a woman interested in harvesting aquatic plants from the lake for her personal pond. A response was sent regarding speaking with her and no communication back was received. A Commissioner commented "great job" regarding music night at the pavilion by the Mt. Lake Community Association.

Old Business

Fish Habitat Update: No response back from Pat Hamilton. Letter will be shared for review and then sent to Committee for approval. Ms. Schaaf will inquire if muskellunge being stocked are sterile or are able to reproduce. Discussion was added that the lily pads look more under control this year with more channels opened up at the southern end of the lake. Also noted that there seems to be more milfoil present.

Moth Night at Mt. Lake: Dan will be posting up signs to promote the event. Discussed moving signs around to reach more people in town to advertise. Volunteers will be needed around 4pm to help set-up at the firehouse. The EC will have a table of handouts, as well as a water trivia game regarding water conservation, nonpoint source pollution, watershed health, etc. Ms. Schaaf will borrow from ANJEC. Commission members will all bring food and drinks for the event. The event has been advertised on WRNJ local radio, forums, blogs, flyers posted in local shops/banks.

Vermicomposting event: October 13th at 1pm. Dan will build a vermicomposting bin to be given out as a door prize. A flyer will be drafted for next month's meeting and approval

Chemical List – Liberty Twp. only has a few chemicals used in the community. Ms. Schaaf will gather MDS notices from Mosquito Commission and State of NJ for gypsy moth, as well as any others.

Fall Paper shredding posters – Commission members will brainstorm for next meeting about poster ideas to have set up for paper shredding event.

Recycling is Magic – The EC paid for a presentation for Summer Recreation kids, about 65 attended. The presentation was provided by Tom Yurasits and he performed magic tricks while educating the kids about the importance of recycling and how to recycle. Photos are available on the website under Recreation.

New Business

Dove Environmental Education – Diana Dove reached out regarding available funding for a presentation in Warren County. Ms. Schaaf will share this information with school staff contacts.

Commission Member Reports

Dan reported to the EC regarding his wildflower meadow that he started with seed. Progress and growth, however stilt grass and many weeds are excessive.

Approval of Expenditures

Solitude payment – No invoice received. Commission will need to read through aquatic services agreement in October.

Moth Night Signs – A motion was made Maureen to reimburse Dan the cost of the signs advertising moth night, seconded by Doug. All in favor. The total cost for the signs was \$119.50.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Approved 9.20.18