



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair at 7:05 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

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

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from August 9, 2018 were approved by a motion made by Doug Hankin, seconded by Maureen Bonner. All in favor.

Communications

Communication received from Pat Hamilton regarding the fish habitat project at Mountain Lake. The Commission will invite her and representative from Muskies Inc to attend the October meeting. A flyer regarding West Nile Virus protection and information from Warren County Mosquito Commission was received. Two locations in Liberty Twp. tested positive for West Nile Virus.

Old Business

Fish Habitat Update: The Environmental Commission will hold off on sending the letter regarding fish habitat at Mountain Lake. More discussion will take place at the next meeting. Commission recommends presenting the fish habitat project at a Twp. Committee workshop.

Chemical List – Should be up in about a week or two.

Fall Paper shredding posters – Dan Kurela drafted signs similar to Burma Shave campaign for posting.

New Business

Moth Night Recap – Excellent job from commission members in setting up! Tarp setup was well appreciated by Moth viewers. More than 65 people were in attendance and some special moths were seen that evening. A little chilly, so not as many moths as we had hoped, but overall a wonderful evening! The EC gave away flower seeds, literature pertaining to non-point source pollution, bears and wildlife and posters about pollinators and native plants. ANJEC allowed us to borrow a game for the evening: the Water Wheel. This is a spinning game with questions all about water conservation, protections, stormwater pollution, watershed health, and non-point source pollution. Pictures will be posted on the website for public viewing.

Vermicomposting Event – Shannon has confirmed with Jersey Worms for October 13th presentation at 1pm. Dove Environmental will be there to provide some fun hands-on nature themed crafts for kids and also educate them about recycling and a healthy watershed by reducing people pollution. Commission members will bring snacks and drinks, tickets for door prizes. Dan Kurela will build a worm bin to bring for the door prize at the event. Flyer had some corrections and was approved to be distributed.

Trex Plastic Challenge: Discussion ensued regarding taking part of the six month challenge. The goal is to collect and recycle 500 lbs. minimum of plastic bags and shrink wrap-like materials. Collection bins and educational posters will be provided by Trex. The LTEC will partner with Girl Scout Daisy Troop 97260 to set out bins, collect materials and bring them to appropriate drop-off facility. The

Troop will help spread the word, and help weigh the materials as part of an action project for the year. The program will run November through April. Maureen Bonner made a motion to approve going forward with the challenge, seconded by Diane Gonski. All in favor.

Commission Member Reports

Rich Larsen reported a dead crow in his yard to the Warren County Mosquito Commission (WCMC). The WCMC responded by coming out and identified 5 different types of mosquitos around the vicinity of his property. Commissioners commented on the fun time at the picnic that Dan Kurela hosted and thanked him for the wonderful gathering.

Approval of Expenditures: Solitude payment – No invoice received.

Public Comments Julie Lange Groth from ANJEC was in attendance. Ms. Groth provided the commission with upcoming training classes for Environmental Commission members, so beneficial information and resource books for the library, and some reusable tote bags. Ms. Groth expressed her interest in the programs/projects that the commission has been and will be working on. She was impressed by the volunteer commission's accomplishments. The LTEC will keep in touch to share stories, events and ideas with the ANJEC community.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Approved 10/18/18