



**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**December 20, 2018**

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

**Roll**

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

**Public Comment** None

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from October 18, 2018 by Maureen Bonner, seconded by Rich Larsen. All in favor.

**Communications**

The NJ Youth Corps of Phillipsburg sent a Holiday card to the Commission.

**Guest Speakers**

Special presentation by Muskies Inc. and NJ Fish and Wildlife regarding a Fish Habitat Enhancement Project for Mountain Lake. Handouts were provided to each member, and extras will be held on file. This project involves coordination for fisheries management between Muskies Inc. and the NJ Fish and Wildlife Freshwater Fisheries Biologist. The project involves building Porcupine cribs (model given as example) and placing in groups of four (about 5 groups total) along the 10-15 ft. shelf around the lake. Muskies Inc. and the Freshwater Fisheries Biologist identified low numbers for pan fish through surveys between 2016 and 2018. The Porcupine cribs will boost the pan fish population and enhance our fisheries at the lake, providing more habitat, with a better quantity and quality fish. Also, the project would be monitored through an underwater camera. The project would be covered through a grant from the partnering groups.

Maria Scricco attended the meeting to introduce herself as a Girl Scout working towards her Gold Award. Her goal is to organize and film a documentary to educate people about light pollution. The EC agreed to share some of the research and information gathered to help her in her mission.

**Old Business**

TREX Plastic Challenge: To date, we have sorted and dropped off about 100 lbs. There has been an overwhelming amount of plastic received. Thank you to Diane and Doug for helping with plastic collection and sorting.

Free Trees Application: Our application was not able to be fulfilled. There were a lot more trees requested than they had available.

**New Business**

Annual Report Discussion: A few minor edits were made. A motion was made by Diane to approve the annual report, seconded by Maureen Bonner. All in favor.

ANJEC 2019 Membership: A motion was made by Dan Kurela, seconded by Maureen Bonner to approve the dues for \$375 for ANJEC membership for 2019. All in favor.

Freshwater Wetlands Application Notice: Block 11, Lot 46.17. Tabled until Shannon can get a copy of the plans from the Clerk.

Budget 2019: Discussion ensued regarding how funds were used in 2018 and the need for some funds to go towards advertising for Environmental Commission events. The Commission also discussed the lake treatment that is covered and the potential for costs to increase for 2019. A motion was made by Phil Wooldridge to make the following requests for the 2019 budget: Add a line item for Advertising and move \$250 from Education into Advertising, request \$2400 for Professional Services to ensure proper and continued lake management by the beach and boat launch, and request all other line items remain the same as 2018. The motion was seconded by Maureen Bonner. All in favor.

**Commission Member Reports**

Discussion ensued over utilizing free advertising methods through an e-newsletter. A request would have to be made to the Twp. Committee and the Clerk to utilize.

**Approval of Expenditures:** None

**Public Comments** None.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Approved 1/17/19