



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes January 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

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

Reorganization

Doug Hankin was voted as Vice Chair on a motion made by Dan Kurela, seconded by Rich Larsen. All in favor. A motion was made by Diane Gonski to approve the monthly meeting schedule for 2019, seconded by Doug. All in favor.

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December 20, 2018 were approved by a motion made by Doug Hankin, seconded by Rich Larsen. All in favor.

Communications

ANJEC Newsletter and Trainings – Members brought in their newsletter to share with the Commission. Story featuring our Worm Composting workshop was included. Thanks to Dan for writing. Shannon will email the upcoming training dates for Commission members. Training is included with membership.

Old Business

TREX Plastic Challenge: Volunteers helped sort up to 247.2 lbs. dropped off. Weekly collection going well. Thanks to Diane and Doug for their help! Shannon will reach out to Independence Environmental Commission about taking over the bins once we are completed.

Fish Habitat at Mountain Lake: February 28th is the Twp. Committee workshop meeting that we will present the fish habitat project to the Committee. Shannon will invite Pat Hamilton to attend and will obtain a tax map with property lines. The Commission will organize talking points at the next meeting.

Budget Request: The 2019 Budget has been submitted to the Twp. Committee with a letter of justification.

Advertising Methods: Discussion ensued regarding LED signs and use of Nixle as a means for communication about future events. Dan Kurela has forwarded information about Nixle to the Clerk. The town would pay for the service and the residents can opt in for notifications.

Pavilion planting and potential grants: Tabled for now. There has been no response from the Twp. Committee or Open Space Committee about planting plans. Field trip organized for February 9th. Dan Grover will be invited to attend for feedback.

New Business

Freshwater Wetlands Application: Block 11, Lot 46.17. The Commission reviewed the plans.

Township Newsletter: Shannon will draft and submit for publication.

Cabin Fever Workshop: Topic is still needed for workshop. The craft will be turning t-shirts into reusable bags. More discussion in February.

Arbor Day Celebration: Trees are available through the NJ Forest Service for a minimal per tree fee, for 2-3 year saplings, or 99 tubelings available for \$35. Shannon will print options for February.

Commission Member Reports: None

Expenditures: None

Adjournment: 9:02 pm

Approved 2/21/19