



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes March 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by the Vice Chair in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Doug Hankin, Rich Larsen, Maureen Bonner, first alternate Diane Gonski

Absent: Chair Phil Wooldridge, Dan Kurela, Joanne Ward, Tom Webster, second alternate Helen Danitz

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 21, 2019 were approved with minor corrections by a motion made by Rich Larsen, seconded by Maureen Bonner. All in favor.

Communications None.

Old Business

Pavilion Planting: Discussed new proposal with suggested planting location from Public Works and Township Committee. Ms. Bonner will review for corrections, grammar, and recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding snow fence and possibly better to use a low wood fence, like what Public Works will be building around the pavilion entrance. Ms. Schaaf will speak to Public Works about possibility of using small toe fence around planting area instead snow fence and if available through DPW. A motion was made by Maureen Bonner to move forward with the grant application and proposed site, seconded by Diane Gonski. All in favor. TREX Plastic Challenge: Final 30 lbs. of plastic to be delivered. Ms. Schaaf will request details about benches available and share pics with the Environmental Commission. A discussion regarding the plastic bins took place. Liberty EC members have been and will continue to collect weekly at the locations. Lots of sorted and stored plastic already in the back room. Drop-off will begin May 1st towards the next bench, totaling 500 lbs. plastic needed.

Fish Habitat at Mountain Lake: Muskies Inc. and NJ Fish and Wildlife received Township Committee approval to move forward with the project at Mountain Lake. Ms. Schaaf will keep in contact with Muskies Inc. and Pat Hamilton to coordinate the install day and education opportunities for the community. Members at the recent Mt. lake Community Association were informed about the project and expressed interest in seeing it take place.

New Business

Cabin Fever Workshop: Ms. Bonner received the film, "Bag It!" from ANJEC. The EC will show the 45 minute version at the Cabin Fever workshop. The secretary will email the flyer again to all members and distribute to the Great Meadows Regional School District. Information will be advertised at local places, media, online and through social media. Members discussed providing snacks and drinks and paper products for the evening. Ms. Schaaf showed a sample tote bag converted from a t-shirt that will be the craft. There will also be a Plastic: Guess the Weight area. Ms. Schaaf will pick up some flowers to give away for prizes.

Tree Giveaway: Order will be submitted for May 4th tree giveaway.

Commission Member Reports: Members discussed the bench dedication, which will take place tentatively on May 24th around 4 pm at Central School garden. Discussed wording for a plaque to place on the bench, something like "Over 45,000 plastic bags not in our landfill – made this bench."

Expenditures: None

Adjournment: 8:30 pm

Approved 5/16/19