

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes June 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by the Chair in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

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

Public Comment None.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 16, 2019 were approved with a minor correction by a motion by Maureen Bonner, seconded by Rich Larsen. All in favor.

Communications None.

Old Business

<u>TREX Plastic Challenge:</u> Second bench in progress. Only need to sort and drop-off 113 lbs. Discussion ensued regarding location of the second bench. The commission will be requesting Twp. Committee approval to place the bench in the main entryway of the municipal building and host a public vote for location suggestions.

<u>Fish Habitat at Mountain Lake:</u> No update for installation date. Ms. Schaaf provided Roger Skoog the Muskies Inc. contact's information regarding adding a few cribs through a donation.

<u>Community Day 2019</u>: Discussion took place to recap the EC role at Community Day. Members enjoyed helping with the games and being more included in activities right by the amusements. Recommending the Rec Commission continue the sand art and games and reduce/get rid of the coloring and beading activities. Members in attendance agreed more literature and free items were given away at this location than when table was at previous location. Discussed purchasing literature regarding Dark skies and light pollution for future handouts. Ms. Schaaf will provide pricing for next meeting.

<u>Environmental Commission Photo Collection</u>: Photo collection slowly accumulating. Please send all photos of nature/natural or cultural history/scenery of Township to Shannon by end of July.

New Business

<u>ANJEC Grant:</u> The grant was approved! Discussion took place regarding the garden prep party. Members asked to save cardboard. Doug will contact a tree company about getting wood chips donated. Hopefully we can coordinate this to take place on May 26 as well.

Commission Member Reports: Phil reported on attending the Green Fair in Hope. Great event with lots of good vendors.

Expenditures: None

Commissioner and Public Comments: Resident shared information from the NorthWest New Jersey River Conference in Hackettstown. Shared information regarding grant funds available to towns who are in compliance with the Highlands Act.

Discussion ensued regarding the North Woods Lake and plans for the dam. Commission is requesting an update to the project. Shannon will follow-up.

Adjournment: 8:14 pm Approved 8/15/19