



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes August 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 pm by the Chair in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Public Comment Two members of the public were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 20, 2019 were approved with a motion by Maureen Bonner, seconded by Rich Larsen. All in favor.

Communications

ANJEC letter: A letter was received regarding single use plastic bans in NJ communities. Commission discussed further education and encouraging local businesses to be proactive, via local Business hero award or recognition.

Septic Installation letter: Homeowner will be repairing a septic installation.

Resignation letter received from Tom Webster.

Old Business

TREX Plastic Challenge: Bench has been ordered in rainforest green color. Delivery should be about two weeks. The bench will be built and displayed in Municipal Building until location is selected. EC will order and attach a plaque for public education.

Fish Habitat at Mountain Lake: Muskies Inc. stated that it would be a weekend in September. Commission is open to inviting the build day to be the same day as the planting. Ms. Schaaf will reach out for an update. Pending date and approval of delivery site from Public Works and Township Committee.

Dark Sky literature: Brochures have been ordered through Lamb Printing. Four total brochures, 50 color copies of each.

New Business

North Woods Lake dam project: Requested information on the project, updates and reports. Still pending a response. Ms. Schaaf will request again.

ANJEC Grant: September 15th is the planting date. Commission members needed to help plant and recruit volunteers. The Mt. Lake Community Association will donate refreshments and snacks for the event. Discussion ensued regarding advertising and ordering sandwich signs to have for this and future events. A motion was made by Dan to purchase two sandwich signs with the logo and sign for the planting event at no more than \$300. Motion seconded by Rich. All in favor.

Commission Member Reports: Dan discussed the success he has had in his garden by burning weeds, versus spraying and pulling. Commission will discuss as a future option to prepare planting sites. Maureen shared discussions from the Mt. Lake Community Association regarding their efforts to investigate weed harvesting options for Mountain Lake.

Expenditures: Maureen made a motion to approve paying Solitude Lake Management (\$495) and Wild Ridge Plants (\$1,092 through the ANJEC grant). Motion seconded by Dan. All in favor.

Commissioner and Public Comments: Discussion took place regarding the 2020 Cabin Fever workshop. Commission members mentioned hosting a workshop about birds.

Adjournment: 8:27 pm
Approved 9/19/19