



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes September 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm by the Chair in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Chair Phil Wooldridge, Rich Larsen, Dan Kurela, Maureen Bonner, Jess Howk

Absent: Doug Hankin, Joanne Ward, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz

Public Comment One member of the public was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 15, 2019 were approved with a motion by Dan Kurela, seconded by Rich Larsen. All in favor.

Communications

ANJEC: Environmental Congress is on October 4. A motion was made by Maureen to send Josh to the Congress on behalf of the EC. Seconded by Rich. All in favor. ANJEC has fall workshops for Commission members too.

Old Business

TREX Plastic Challenge: Bench will remain at Municipal building for now. Then will be moved to the garden once it fills in. Bins are still being emptied through the rest of the year. Almost 300 lbs. sorted already in storage.

Fish Habitat at Mountain Lake: No date yet for installation. Shannon will follow up with Muskies Inc. Shannon will also reach out to Fish & Wildlife regarding some possible freebies and magazines to make available to the public.

Dark Sky literature: Brochures will be made available at the Municipal Building vestibule for public.

New Business

North Woods Lake dam project: No response still. Ms. Schaaf will OPRA request the Engineer's report for the EC to view.

ANJEC Grant: Planting was a success with 25 people in attendance. A discussion ensued regarding names for the garden: Liberty Heroes, 9-11 Memorial Garden, Peace Garden. Name will be determined. The cost of the fencing for the garden was less, due to a change in the product, so just over \$53 remains available to be used. Shannon will follow up with ANJEC to request using the funds to help purchase seed. Dan will investigate possible seed mixes and other supplies, could be about \$100 for all supplies depending upon seed mix purchased. Discussion took place regarding spreading the seed on Nov. 3 from 1-3 pm.

Cabin Fever Workshop: Possible to connect the garden to the workshop by doing a bird program and include rock painting for rocks to be placed in the garden. More to be discussed.

Commission Member Reports: Maureen shared a local Global REnergy and Climate Protest to take place in the Belvidere town square on Sept. 20. Rich informed the Commission about a ceremony for POW/MIA's to take place at the White Twp. Fields on Sept. 20 at 6pm. Phil shared a report regarding how it is cheaper to use and build solar/renewable power than to use coal and gas plants.

Expenditures: A motion was made by Maureen to approve the reimbursement for fencing materials for the wildflower garden (ANJEC) in the amount of \$123.45. Motion seconded by Rich. All in favor.

Commissioner and Public Comments: Discussion returned to the wildflower meadow and utilizing pavers for a bench area as well as a possible planter next to the bench. Possible that pavers are leftover or available from pavilion. Shannon will check with DPW. Shannon will also follow up with the sign for Buckenmeyer Recreation Area to add some lettering to inform public of no smoking or Vaping in the park.

Adjournment: 8:12 pm
Approved 10/17/19