

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Reorganization & Regular Meeting Minutes January 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Chairman Phil Wooldridge, Shannon Schaaf, Tom Webster, Dan Kurela, first alternate Diane Gonski
Absent: Eckhardt Debbert, second alternate Helen Danitz

Reorganization

Vice Chair Nominations- Mr. Kurela nominated Ms. Schaaf, seconded by Ms. Gonski, all in favor.
Appointment of Commission Secretary- Ms. Schaaf nominated Ms. Greason, seconded by Ms. Gonski, all in favor.
2016 meeting schedule- Ms. Gonski made a motion to approve the dates, seconded by Mr. Kurela, all in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Nov. 19, 2015 approved on a motion by Ms. Schaaf, seconded by Mr. Webster, all in favor.

Old Business

2016 Allied Biological contract- tabled until questions concerning the costs of the acreage to be treated compared with the MLCA & WAG proposal and the differing treatment chemicals are clarified.

New Business

2015 Annual Report- Accepted on a motion by Ms. Gonski, seconded by Ms. Schaaf, all in favor.
Will be submitted to the Twp. Committee and ANJEC.

Future projects were discussed:

- Tree give away- April 23 10-noon at Mt. Lake Pavilion
- Cabin fever workshop- March 5 9:30-11AM at the Municipal Building. Native seed planting with Lorna Wooldridge. Mr. Kurela will provide plastic sheeting, MLCA soil & pots. Grow the seeds at home & bring back to plant at Lake.
- Birdhouse building workshop- in late Sept. Use scrap lumber, Mr. Webster will cut to size. Involve Audubon.
- Moth Night- Fri. July 29 at Merrill Creek. No presentations, just moth viewing. Mr. Kurela volunteered for set up. LTEC's light will be used. Mansfield EC interested, possibly fund signs.
- Community Forestry Plan- in fall.

Commission member reports

MLCA will be hosting a triathlon at the Lake July 16.

Expenditures

ANJEC annual dues \$325 approved on a motion by Ms. Schaaf, seconded by Mr. Webster, all in favor.

Adjournment: 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Greason, Secretary

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2016**

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

Roll

Present: Chairman Phil Wooldridge, Vice Chair Shannon Schaaf, Tom Webster, Dan Kurela, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz Absent: Joanne Ward

Approval of Minutes

Jan. 25, 2016 approved on a motion by Ms. Schaaf, seconded by Ms. Gonski, all in favor.

Old Business

2016 Allied Biological contract- tabled until questions concerning the costs of the acreage to be treated compared with the MLCA & WAG proposal and the differing treatment chemicals are clarified.

New Business

Memorial tree- to be planted at the Grove in memory of Eckhardt Debbert. Will get Twp. Committee approval. \$200 approved on a motion by Ms. Schaaf, seconded by Mr. Kurela, all in favor.
Moth Night- to be held at Merrill Creek, 10 PM start, July 19.
Native seed workshop- March 5 from 9:30-11 AM.
Tree Giveaway- April 23. Invite White Twp.

Commission member reports

MLCA – annual meeting Aug. 5, 7 PM

Adjournment: 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Greason, Secretary

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2016**

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

Roll

Present: Chairman Phil Wooldridge, Vice Chair Shannon Schaaf, Tom Webster, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz Absent: Joanne Ward, Dan Kurela

Approval of Minutes

Feb. 18, 2016 approved on a motion by Ms. Schaaf, seconded by Ms. Gonski, all in favor.

Old Business

2016 Allied Biological contract- tabled until questions concerning the costs of the acreage to be treated compared with the MLCA & WAG proposal and the differing treatment chemicals are clarified.

Native seed workshop recap- March 5 from 9:30-11 AM. Very successful. 40 people attended including non- residents from W. Orange and Blairstown.

Tree Giveaway- April 23. 10-noon at Pavilion. 100 W. Oak, 100 Sugar maple, 50 Pitch Pine.

Memorial tree- Sycamore to be planted at the Grove in memory of Eckhardt Debbert. Twp. Committee has given approval.

Community Day- June 11, time to be set. Balloon launch in Riparian area. Trivia game.

Moth Night- to be held at Merrill Creek, July 29.

New Business

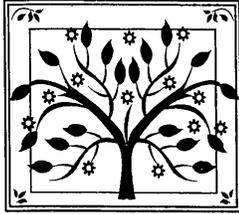
Northridge Lake property- Twp. is hoping to purchase. The map was reviewed & discussed. Commission member reports

MLCA & WAG- Eagle Scout to install 2 4-unit kayak storage racks south of the Beach area.

Adjournment: 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Greason, Secretary



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes May 19, 2016

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

Roll

Present: Chairman Phil Wooldridge, Tom Webster, Dan Kurela, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz Absent: Vice Chair Shannon Schaaf, Joanne Ward

Approval of Minutes

April 21, 2016 approved on a motion by Ms. Gonski, seconded by Mr. Webster, all in favor.

Old Business

2016 Allied Biological contract- Revised acreage fees were negotiated by Ms. Greason. Approved on a motion by Mr. Kurela, seconded by Ms. Gonski, all in favor.

Tree Giveaway recap- 185 trees were distributed at the event. The remaining trees were distributed at the municipal building. 26 people attended.

Memorial tree- Sycamore to be planted at the Grove in memory of Eckhardt Debbert. Twp. Committee has given approval.

Community Day- June 11, set up at noon, event from 1-5. Balloon launch in Riparian area. Trivia game. Mr. Kurela will bring tent and table. Stormwater education handouts, "touchy-blind box" to identify what's inside (pine cones, sweet gum ball, acorns, i.e.)

Moth Night- to be held at Merrill Creek, July 29. Blaine Rothauser is scheduled to attend.

New Business

Gypsy moth spraying will be performed by the state this year.

Commission Member Reports

The Chair reported about the NJ History Fair

Mr. Kurela reported on the Philadelphia Flower Show – all native plants

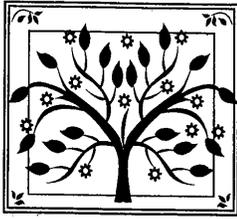
Commissioner/Public comments

Discussion was held concerning the mosquito borne Zika virus, West Nile virus, and black fly suppression.

Adjournment: 7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Greason, Secretary



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2016**

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

Roll

Present: Chairman Phil Wooldridge, Vice Chair Shannon Schaaf, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz Absent: Tom Webster, Dan Kurela, Joanne Ward

Approval of Minutes

May 19, 2016 approved on a motion by Ms. Gonski, seconded by Ms. Danitz, all in favor.

Communications

Solitude Lake Management re: Aquatic weed management
WC Soil Conservation District re: Animal waste management

Old Business

Eckhardt Debber Memorial tree- A London Plane tree could be substituted for a sycamore. It's hardier, but still native. Other suggestions were a smaller tree such as redbud or dogwood. A plant swap could be incorporated into the program.

Community Day recap- Attendance was down. Mr. Kurela provided a beautiful banner. Everyone wore the new T-shirts and looked great. Stormwater handouts were distributed. The water balloon launch was a hit, as always. A "touchy-feely" box either delighted people, or freaked them out.

Moth Night- To be held at Merrill Creek, July 29. Blaine Rothauser is scheduled to attend.

New Business

none

Commission Member Reports

None

Expenditures

Solitude Lake Management- \$675 for aquatic weed control

Johnny On The Spot- \$400 for Community Day portable restrooms

Both approved on a motion by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Gonski with all in favor.

Commissioner/Public comments

none

Adjournment: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Greason, Secretary