



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes Reorganization and Regular Meeting January 18, 2007

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

Roll:

Present: Phil Wooldridge, Beverly Gloumakoff, Bill VonderHaar, First Alternate Frank Joseph, Second Alternate Lorna Wooldridge

Absent: Tom Webster, Eckhardt Debbert, Shannon Buckley

Reorganization:

Nominations: Mr. Joseph nominated Mr. Wooldridge for Chair, seconded by Ms. Gloumakoff, all in favor. Ms. Gloumakoff nominated Mr. Webster for Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. VonderHaar, all in favor.

2007 Meeting dates & roster were reviewed.

2006 Annual Report: Ms. Gloumakoff made a motion to accept the 2006 Annual Report with corrections and additions, seconded by Ms. Wooldridge, all in favor.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Wooldridge made a motion to accept the minutes of November 28, 2006 as corrected, seconded by Mr. Joseph, all in favor.

Correspondence:

In: ANJEC- Smart Growth Grant materials

Out: None

Old Business:

Natural Lawn Care Presentation: Ms. Wooldridge has been in contact with vendors, and is waiting for confirmations. Included are- Robert McBride from McGreery's, New Life Organic Lawns, the Wacky Worm Sisters, Shannon Buckley- NJ Tree Foundation, and Ms. Greason- composting. The composter video can be shown at the end. Flyers and ads will be developed. Light refreshments will be served, each Commissioner will bring something.

319h update: Ms. Greason reported the three brochures are going to the printer. She and Spencer Pierini of Applied Water Management will be taking samples directly from the vortex unit for final testing. An article featuring the Mountain Lake Brook 319h project was included in the NJ DEP Division of Water Quality newsletter *Watershed Focus*. A check for approximately \$141,000 has been received from the DEP for payment of the grant.

GIS update: Ms. Greason reported that the update for ArcView 9.2 was received.

New Business:

Aquatic weed control: Mr. Joseph made a motion to approve the Aquatic Analysts contract, and the \$365 retainer, seconded by Mr. VonderHaar. During discussion Ms. Wooldridge stated that

natural and mechanical aquatic weed control should be investigated. The motion carried with all in favor.

Meetings attended: None

Commissioner Reports:

Land Use Board: Ms. Gloumakoff reported that the draft of the Highlands Master Plan was received and lengthy discussion was held with the planner and attorney. No funds are earmarked for landowner compensation. The Board will not be budgeting for revision of the Liberty Master Plan in 2007.

MLCA & WAG: Mr. Joseph reported that the quarterly mailing has gone out, and features global warming and recommends the movie “An Inconvenient Truth”.

Ditty Bag disbursement: 6 bags were handed out for distribution.

Approval of expenditures:

Mr. Joseph made a motion to pay the secretarial fee, seconded by Ms. Gloumakoff, all in favor.

Commissioner and Public Comments: Doug Hankin of Quenby Mountain Rd. spoke concerning how the Highlands regulations will adversely affect the future of forestry practices. He has requested that the Mayor appoint him as a member of the Commission, and the Chair officially welcomed him.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Greason, Secretary.