



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting Minutes December 17, 2020

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

Roll

Present: Vice Chair Rich Larsen, Maureen Bonner, Dan Kurela, Larry Supp, second alternate John DeMarco

Absent: Joanne Ward

Public Comment None.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from November 19, 2020 were approved with one amendment to add discussion of John becoming a full commission member. Motion made by Larry Supp, seconded by Maureen Bonner. All in favor.

Communications Seedling sale information received from NJ Forest Service. These seedlings are at cost. Discussion ensued purchasing species ideal for our area. Dan will research species and present to Commission next month.

Old Business

Water Quality Testing Proposal from Solitude: Larry reached out to Solitude for report. No response yet. NJDEP sampled in early December. HAB still present, specifically pseudoanabaena bacteria is still dominant.

Website Review: Shannon will follow up with web administrator for updates and ensure all minutes and pertinent information is added, as well as some reference websites. Larry will review site and make recommendations for next month.

Updated on Purchases: Shannon will follow up with Maureen and Dan regarding purchase orders for submission. Twig balls will wait until 2021 to be purchased. Purchases include the following: new tote bags, activity books for distribution, 2500 postcards and cost of 2 every door direct mailing routes (third route to cover all of Liberty will be paid in 2021), New signs for sandwich boards, and seeds for distribution.

New Business

Chair Discussion: Larry expressed interest in being chair. Commission members were in agreement. Larry will submit a letter of interest to the Clerk and Mayor for possible appointment.

Budget Request: Proposed 2021 budget request will be submitted, requesting same amount as 2020. Dan made the motion to submit budget request, seconded by Larry. All in favor. Shannon will follow up with Phil regarding moth light.

Annual Report: Commission reviewed 2020 annual report. Amendments will be made to include educational material expenses from 2020 as well as sandwich board signs for community education.

Commission Member Reports: Dan mentioned issues of garbage across from the apartment at Mountain Lake, by wildflower seed beds. Dan will reach out to Jeff from DPW to discuss possible signs to reduce littering. Dan has received no communication yet back from NJDEP regarding the illegal dredging at south end of the lake. Commission discussed keeping the post on Facebook regarding new members needed. There are currently 3 vacancies.

Expenditures: No expenditures this month for approval. Discussion took place regarding Zoom. Shannon has cancelled it this month, since you can only now purchase a one year license or a monthly fee. Will set up with new Secretary for 2021.

Adjournment: 8:43 pm