



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 19, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting was advertised on the Township Website as in-person at the Township municipal building and on LTEC's Facebook page.

**Roll Call:** Present Chairman Larry Supp, Vice-Chairman Doug Hankin, Rich Larsen, and Jarod Gajda  
Absent: Doug Wright

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of minutes:**

- **August 19, 2022** - A motion was made by Rich Larsen to approve the August 18, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Larry Supp, all in favor, Doug Hankin abstained.

**Communications:** We were advised by the Mayor, Clerk, and Deputy Clerk that Community Day would be moved back to June this year.

**Old Business:**

- **Community Day Results** – The day was a success with many attendees, great activities for kids. Recommended that a new theme and games be prepared for this year's event
- **Lake monitoring update** – The season is over. Testing during the summer swimming season showed little to no blue algae cells. Level rose significantly come September for unknown reasons. Bob Ballou with the Lake Association will be preparing a chart with data over time.
- **Green Infrastructure Grant Application** – The grant was denied without explanation. Follow up will be done in attempt for more information
- **Watershed Project** – Denied by the DEP for the watershed project submitted by Princeton Hydro.

**New Business:**

- **New LTEC Shared Google Drive – Feedback** – We will continue with the Google Drive, shared links will be re-sent. Explore ways of seeing changes to documents
- **Membership vacancies** – We have two new potential members who have expressed interest, Regan Bottomley, and John Ward. It was discussed that we prepare a form letter for ease of potential members to submit to apply for appointment.

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- **Annual Report** – A motion was made by Larry Supp to approve the annual report, subject to any technical changes to be made. Seconded by Doug Hankin, all in favor.
- **2023 Budget** – A motion was made by Doug Hankin to approve the 2023 budget as is with no requests for increase. Seconded by Rich Larsen, all in favor.
- **2022 EPA Clean Watersheds Needs Survey** – A motion was made by Jarod Gajda to approve the completion of the DEP survey by Larry Supp who will utilize the information submitted in the grant application with engineering drawings for the macadam and boat launch prepared by Rutgers. A note will be included about a possible 20% increase in costs. Seconded by Doug Hankin, all in favor.
- **2023 New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign** – A motion was made by Rich Larsen to approve the application for free trees to be completed by Larry Supp, with a pickup date of April 20, 2023. The free tree giveaway will be held on April 22, 2023 at the Mountain Lake Pavilion. Seconded by Larry Supp, all in favor.
- **2023 Meeting Dates** – Motion was made by Larry Supp to approve the meeting dates for 2023 and January of 2024. Seconded by Doug Hankin, all in favor.
- **Solitude Contract** – Larry will be requesting a contract to be delivered within the next two weeks. The goal is to have herbicide treatment take place in May, June, July, and August. A request will be made to treat the beach area early mornings.
- **Facebook Page** – The LTEC would like to make regular use of the Facebook page to increase visibility. A once per week post will be done on Mondays.

**Commission Member Reports:** None

**Approval of Expenditures:** ANJEC Invoice – A motion was made by Doug Hankin to approve the ANJEC invoice for membership in the amount of \$400. Rich seconded, all in favor.

**Commissioner and Public Comments:** Regan Bottomley, who is interested in becoming a member attended the meeting and provided some information about herself and why she feels she would be a good fit for the LTEC. All current members in attendance agreed to support her appointment.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Larry Supp to adjourn the meeting at 8:43PM. Seconded by Jarod Gajda

**NEXT MEETING February 16, 2023**