



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Doug Wright, Jarod Gajda, John Ward, and Regan Bottomley

Public Comment: Claire Arcaro from Allamuchy Township's Green Team attended our meeting to inform the commission about the recently formed Warren County Environmental Commission Advisory Committee. There was discussion about how local Commissions and Warren County Committee can work together.

Approval of minutes:

- **January 19, 2023-** A motion was made by Rich Larsen to approve the January 19, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Regan Bottomley, all in favor.

Communications: Diane and Jennifer have asked for our contribution to the town Newsletter, deadline is March 1st. Larry and Carrie will collaborate.

Old Business:

- **Spring Cabin Fever/Workshop ideas** – Regan will do some research on a potential workshop in May with regarding to birding.
- **Solitude Contract update** – A proposal was received by Solitude for this year's herbicide treatment, which will run from May through August. A motion was made by Doug Hankin to accept the draft proposal subject to the change that Solitude will not treat the beach on Fridays while the Summer Recreation Program is running (from July 3, 2023 through August 4, 2023), Rich Larson seconded, all in favor. A motion was made by Larry to approve the contract cost of \$2,132, seconded by Doug Hankin, all in favor.
Research on weed harvesting at Oxford Furnace Lake to be done.
- **Update on call with DEP regarding denied grant application** – In a recent Zoom meeting with the DEP, Bob Ballou, Larry Supp, and Dave Rogers the matter of recently denied grant requests was discussed. The DEP explained the process and scoring system in detail so that we may improve future grant requests.
- **Free Tree Giveaway - April 22, 2023** – Plans are moving forward. We will add information for the public that the seedlings are not deer proof. Advertisements will begin right away on Facebook. A motion was made by Larry to approve the

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purchase of the updated sandwich board poster advertising the event, not to exceed \$100, seconded by Doug Hankin, all in favor.

New Business:

- **Vote for Chair and Vice-Chair** – Larry advised that the ordinance states Chair position is appointed by the Mayor. Regardless, a motion was made by Rich to nominate Larry Supp as Chair, seconded by Regan. Larry nominated Doug Hankin as Vice-Chair, seconded by John. Rich made a motion to vote, seconded by Regan, all in favor. Larry and Doug Hankin abstained.
- **Catch basin maintenance** – New State regulations have been put in place. Additional information from Eric Snyder will be forthcoming on how this will affect us going forward.

Commission Member Reports: None

Approval of Expenditures:

Commissioner and Public Comments:

Adjournment: A motion was made by Larry Supp to adjourn the meeting at 8:46PM. Seconded by Rich Larsen.

NEXT MEETING March 16, 2023