



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 16, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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, Rich Larsen, Jarod Gajda, John Ward, and Regan Bottomley  
Absent: Vice-Chairman Doug Hankin, Doug Wright

**Public Comment:** Nina Odunlami with RCAP Solutions attended the meeting via Zoom. RCAP Solutions receives Federal Grants and provides services to towns at no cost, as well as a number of other services to private residents and communities. She offered her assistance with regards to applying for this funding source.

**Approval of minutes:**

- **February 16, 2023-** A motion was made by Larry Supp to approve the February 16, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by John Ward, all in favor.

**Communications:** A letter was received by the Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission advising of an application for authorization of the WCMEC to conduct regulated activities in wetlands, flood hazard areas, and transitional areas on properties throughout Warren County for the purpose of mosquito control. No action needed.

**Old Business:**

- **Spring Cabin Fever/Birding Workshop** – Regan has been researching/investigating ideas for a May birding workshop. Potential locations are being reached: Jenny Jump State Park (off Lake Just-it Road), Pequest Fish Hatchery, and the park area near Janes Chapel Road/Pequest Road. A Facebook post will be prepared, asking for residents to submit photos of backyard birds for identification. A "brochure" will be prepared with various common backyard birds in our area, with the hopes to distribute them during the Free Tree Giveaway. May 13, 2023 has been set for the birding event with a rain date of May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Free Tree Giveaway - April 22, 2023** – We received word that we will only be receiving 220 trees this year in comparison to the 500 received the last few years due to lack of resources. We will advise via Facebook that limited quantities will be available. Due to the shortage, we will limit the amount of trees each person can receive to 5. Flyers were printed to advertise and will be distributed by our various members to different locations. Set-up time for the morning of the event will be 9:00AM. Labels for bags will be done at the next meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

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- **Infrastructure Survey** – An email was received from the DEP asking for parts of the survey we submitted to be separated. Larry accommodated this request and has prepared the documents to be signed by the Mayor.
- **Solitude Contract update** – The final Solitude Contract has been received and distributed to interested parties (i.e. Recreation Commission, Mountain Lake Community Association, etc.) Bob B. of the Lake Association has asked that he be notified when treatments are done so that he can properly yield questions/inquiries. Bob and Larry will be monitoring efficacy of treatments. Larry spoke with Ed of Oxford's Furnace Lake. They use Great Blue for the herbicide treatment of their lake, as well as occasional weed harvesting. Biggest challenge with weed harvesting is that in order to be effective, a good amount of weeds need to be present.

**New Business:**

- **Catch basin maintenance** – A committee of three (Larry, Rich, and John) will meet with Eric Snyder to discuss the new State regulations that have been put in place, and how that will affect us.

**Commission Member Reports:** None

**Approval of Expenditures:**

**Commissioner and Public Comments:**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Larry Supp to adjourn the meeting at 8:55PM. Seconded by Regan Bottomley.

**NEXT MEETING April 20, 2023**