



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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, town blog, and on LTEC's Facebook page.

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

Absent: Doug Wright, John Ward, and Regan Bottomley

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

- **June 15, 2023-** A motion was made by Rich Larsen to approve the June 15, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Larry Supp. Doug Hankin abstained. All in favor.

Communications: It has been brought to our attention that due to the recent storms, the lake may have been contaminated. Larry Supp made a motion subject to water testing results, to post a sign at the beach/boat launch area stating, "Caution, debris due to recent storms the beach is closed, and water may not be safe until tested for bacteria". Seconded by Jarod Gajda. All in favor.

Old Business:

- **Solitude Communications update** – Larry Supp made a motion to advise the township that legal notice was sent to Solitude requesting Assurances of Performance, and Solitude could not provide acceptable assurance that they will be able to follow through on the contract. Therefore, the township needs to declare breach of contract. Seconded by Rich Larsen, all in favor.

Larry Supp made a motion to offer the township \$1,550 toward one day of weed cutting subject to scheduling and adequate preparation for ropes, also subject to the beach opening, as well as the township's agreement to declare breach of contract. Seconded by Rich, all in favor.

- **Cesspool Discussion** – A motion was made by Larry Supp to recommend to the township consider an ordinance that closes all loop holes in NJ State exceptions by requiring a septic inspection on all voluntary property sales with a report submitted to the town along with evidence/certification that the property does not have a

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cesspool and has a system that is working. Seconded by Doug Hankin. All in favor.

- **Lake Monitoring Update** – Most recent results were good, and readings from last Monday were all normal.

New Business:

- **Community Day Theme** – We are going with a bird theme and will be engaging the public with an opportunity to “build” and decorate a hanging bird feeder. We will be prepared to have 50 bird feeders that Rich, Doug, and Larry will be putting together. A motion was made by Jarod Gajda to approve spending up to \$300 on supplies for the bird feeders. Seconded by Doug Hankin, all in favor.
- **Organizing community volunteers to do peaceful garden maintenance** – A Facebook group will be created to engage volunteers to assist with garden maintenance to include tasks such as: weed pulling, weed whacking, mulching, fall cutting, planting, etc.

Commission Member Reports: None

Approval of Expenditures: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Larry Supp to adjourn the meeting at 9:04PM. Seconded by Rich Larsen. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING August 17, 2023