



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 17, 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, town blog, and on LTEC's Facebook page.

**Roll Call:** Present Chairman Larry Supp (attended via speaker phone), Rich Larsen, Jarod Gajda, and Vice-Chairman Doug Hankin, and Regan Bottomley  
Absent: Doug Wright and John Ward

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of minutes:**

- **July 17, 2023-** A motion was made by Rich Larsen to approve the July 17, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Doug Hankin. Regan Bottomley abstained. All in favor.

**Communications:**

- There was communication between Carrie and Eddy Patient of Oxford Furnace Lake regarding weed control. They are in desperate need of options for next year. We will communicate solutions that are researched.
- The Mountain Lake Community Association was awarded an \$80,000 grant submitted by Princeton Hydro for watershed management and testing of tributaries.

**Old Business:**

- **Community Day Preparations** – Doug and Rich will be getting together to start preparing the boards for the bird feeders.
- **Organizing community volunteers to do peaceful garden maintenance** – A date for the first volunteer weed maintenance is to be set for September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9AM.

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**New Business:**

- **Exploring new options for weed control next year** – We will revisit this during budget preparation, in the fall/early winter.
- **Algae Bloom at the Lake** – Fluorometer readings have been taken twice per day since the reported algae sighting on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Readings at the shallower beach area and boat launch/dock have remained higher than observations at a mid-lake position. Awaiting DEP testing and analysis. It is agreed that the beach should remain closed until further notice. There was extensive discussion regarding findings related to the thermocline and possible correlations to the HAB, how this type of algae grows and behaves, and the unlikelihood of the HAB clearing up on its own before winter.

**Commission Member Reports:** None

**Approval of Expenditures:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Doug Hankin to adjourn the meeting at 8:48PM. Seconded by Regan Bottomley. All in favor.

**NEXT MEETING September 21, 2023**