



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 21, 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, Rich Larsen, Jarod Gajda, and Vice-Chairman Doug Hankin, Regan Bottomley, and John Ward  
Absent: Doug Wright

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of minutes:**

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

**Communications:**

- Rich Larson provided his official letter of resignation effective December 31, 2023.

**Old Business:**

- **Community Day Preparations** – Community Day was canceled due to poor weather conditions. The boxes with the bird feeders will be moved from Doug Hankin's house to the Municipal Building attic space.
- **Organizing community volunteers to do peaceful garden maintenance** – Fall maintenance will need to be done in November. Everything will need to be trimmed down. More volunteers are needed.
- **Lake Monitoring Update** – Monitoring more closely due to the HAB. 2 weeks ago the cell count was 259,000 cells with a fluorometer reading of 9. This Monday's meter reading was 14 and awaiting results from Princeton Hydro. Smaller sized cells are indicative of rapid reproduction. Recommendations to the lake subcommittee are to establish a clear protocol for HAB chain of command and action and posting the information for the public. Looking for volunteers for lake monitoring on Mondays at 10AM.

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**New Business:**

- **Budget changes/requests for next year** – Everyone is in agreement that the budget for herbicide/weed treatment should not be included in the LTEC budget. While the LTEC will always have the responsibility to review what treatment is being proposed, we should be eliminated as the “middleman” since the EC has no authority to sign contracts. If it remains in the EC budget there will always be a responsibility/obligation to vote on contracts that we have no authority to sign. The LTEC’s function is to serve as an advisory only.

**Commission Member Reports:** None

**Approval of Expenditures:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Larry Supp to adjourn the meeting at 8:13PM. Seconded by Doug Hankin. All in favor.

**NEXT MEETING October 19, 2023**