

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 17, 2025

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, Vice-Chair Jarod Gajda, Ammunje Nayak, Regan Bottomley, and John DeHuff

Absent: Doug Wright and John Ward

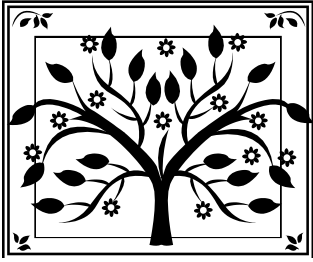
Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Jarod Gajda to approve the June 19, 2025, minutes as amended, seconded by Larry Supp. All in favor.

Communications: An email circulated about Mountain Lake beach failing a Warren County Health Department inspection, which is not under LTEC's responsibility; the issue has been forwarded appropriately. Jarod attended the Warren County Environmental Board meeting on Wednesday, July 16th. He was recruited and will help Phillipsburg with its Sustainable NJ certification. He found a useful flood risk resource at njfloodmapper.org and plans to apply insights from Phillipsburg to benefit Liberty Township and attract future project funding.

Old Business:

- **Community Day** – Two games, Wheel of Knowledge and Plink the Plastic Game, have been arranged to be borrowed from ANJEC. Instead of bird feeder kits, there was a decision to change the previous allocation, allowing up to \$50 to be spent on prizes or giveaways for the games. All other preparations for Community Day are complete.
- **Water Monitoring Update** – With the HAB cleared by the DEP, testing will likely stop unless a suspected HAB is reported.
- **Weed harvesting/clean-up** – The lily pad islands at the lake's south end are currently too large to remove. LTEC will keep monitoring them for movement toward the outlet.



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- **Public Notice Posting area** – Larry installed a board for more organized posting of public notices. Weed treatment times are listed so lifeguards can avoid opening within two hours after treatment.

New Business:

- **Diquat Issue** – The use of this herbicide was recently reported in the news. A study from China indicated physiological effects but did not include details about the dosage.
- **County College Drone Photos** – The resolution is not as good as expected and there are not as many photos over the winter months as there are the rest of the year so it's difficult to do a year-to-year analysis of lily pad islands .
- **LTEC/DEP Liberty Lake Collaboration** – John DeHuff has been in contact with Kimberly Testa, the Team Lead for Northeast NJ for Green Acres. They are willing to meet with us to assist in any planning concerning the future use of the Liberty Lake property, including any potential grants. It was decided that John should follow up with contacting them.

Commission Member Reports: None

Approval of Expenditures: Larry moved to amend the prior vote for the \$50 expenditure to include options beyond bird feeders, seconded by Jarod. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made by John DeHuff 8:47PM, Seconded by Jarod Gajda. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING: August 19, 2025