

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:12p.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, John Ward, and John DeHuff

Absent: Regan Bottomley, Doug Wright

Public Comment: None

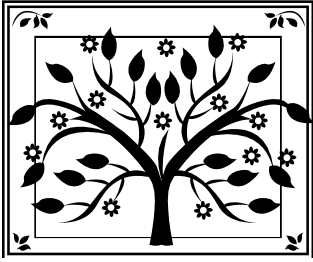
Approval of minutes: A motion to approve December 18, 2025, meeting minutes was made by John Ward, seconded by Ammunje Nayak. All in favor.

Communications:

- **Land Use Board Compliance Update** – A letter was sent to Amber. Chairman Supp will attend the next Land Use Board meeting to discuss further.
- **2026 Weed Management Update** – Quotes for milfoil and water chestnut treatment are pending. Systemic herbicide will be required for water chestnut; hand-pulling may not be a viable option.
- **Liberty Lake Dam Removal Update** – The request to be added as a point of contact will be done at the next Township workshop meeting.

New Business

- **Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates** – A motion to approve the 2026 meeting dates was made by Jarod Gajda and seconded by Larry Supp. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Liberty Elementary School Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement Project** – The proposed system includes a septic field with a sand treatment area and holding tank. Air pumps move liquid through the filtration system, and a buffer tank is required. The Commission is awaiting further clarification on requirements to ensure system viability.



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- **2025 Annual Report** – A motion to approve the 2025 Annual Report was made by Larry Supp and seconded by John Ward. Motion carried unanimously.
- **In-Person Reporting at Township Meetings** – It was agreed to add in-person reporting as a standing agenda item. Attendance will be determined monthly. For the January 22 meeting, Larry Supp will attend, with John DeHuff serving as backup. The Commission will also be added as the DEP point of contact for the dam removal project.
- **Dam Report Engineering Review** – Awaiting confirmation whether the dam report has been forwarded to the newly appointed engineer.
- **The Peaceful Garden** – Spring maintenance will be paused to observe whether the garden can self-sustain or if additional weeding will be necessary.
- **HAB Dashboard and Toxin Testing** – An email was received from Bob regarding the HAB dashboard. On December 1, cell counts measured 40,000, with toxin levels of 7.9 at the beach and 10 at the center of the lake, placing the lake in advisory status. Gold Standard Diagnostics (formerly Abraxis) offers rapid toxin test kits similar to COVID-style tests. A motion was made by Jarod Gajda to approve the purchase of toxin test kits, not to exceed \$250 for five tests, seconded by John Ward. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Vice Chair Nomination** – Larry Supp nominated Jarod Gajda for Vice Chair, seconded by John DeHuff. Motion carried unanimously, with Jarod Gajda abstaining.

Commission Member Reports: None

Approval of Expenditures:

Adjournment: A motion was made by Larry Supp to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM all in favor.

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2026