

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 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 and on LTEC's Facebook page.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Larry Supp, Vice-Chair Jarod Gajda, John Ward, John DeHuff, Regan Bottomley, and Ammunje Nayak

Absent: Doug Wright

Also Present: Dave Rogers, Township Committee Liaison

A quorum was present (6 of 7 members).

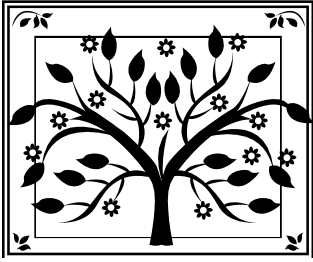
Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Jarod Gajda to approve the May 14, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by John Ward. All in favor. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Old Business:

- **Land Use Board Compliance Update** – Larry will be attending the next Land Use Board meeting to address the liaison issue, verify any applications, get feedback about the township's potential involvement with the Highland's board and discuss the EC's position regarding the dam removal project.
- **Dam Removal Project** – Larry and John D. prepared a letter to CP Engineers (Dave Clark). No response yet. Discussion was held regarding whether the Township has considered selling any portion of the property to fund the project. The parcel is 192 acres. Selling conservation rights, as opposed to the land itself, was raised as a possible alternative.
- **Lake Monitoring/Water Testing** – Current status is advisory. DEP's most recent testing from June 2, 2026 yielded a cell count of 72,125 but toxin level was 3.3. Based on Dr. Lubnow's data presented at the most recent MLCA meeting, specifically the findings regarding high ammonia levels, the EC reaffirms its position in favor of closing state loopholes with regard to septic systems in Liberty Township. Possible changes include: a mandatory septic inspection at time of sale; if the system fails, repair within one year; this would not hold up a closing but



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would provide time to address deficiencies. Members are encouraged to review the LTEC May monthly report for a detailed summary of the relevant state loopholes. The commission discussed exploring whether Warren County Tech would be willing to conduct drone infrared imaging to identify leaking septic systems around the lake. This item will be placed on the July agenda.

- **Vortech system** – Estimated to be about another year before next cleaning is needed. The commission should make it a priority to investigate the system in approximately 9 months; this has been placed on the calendar for December. Cleaning should occur approximately every three years going forward. Not all drains have filters installed, and those that do have filters that are past their useful life.

New Business

- **May 23rd Bird Walk – Follow-Up** – Three people attended. The walk was well received, and attendees have begun meeting on a regular basis.
- **Community Day Plans** – The commission discussed sponsoring an activity such as a game or scavenger hunt. Regan Bottomley and Jarod Gajda volunteered to spearhead the effort. Jarod will scout Free Union Field for ideas.

Commission Member Reports: None

Approval of Expenditures: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by John DeHuff to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Larry Supp. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2026