



# Liberty Township Environmental Commission

## 2015 Annual Report

### **Roster**

Chairman Phil Wooldridge, Vice Chair Shannon Schaaf, Dan Kurela, Tom Webster, Eckhardt Debbert, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz, Secretary Eileen Greason

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, 7 PM at the Municipal Building. Membership in the New Jersey Association of Environmental Commissions was maintained.

### **Arbor Day**

Sat. April 25 Girl Scout Troop 94330 participated with the Commission in showing the values of trees as part of their Air Quality Journey. A plaque was placed in memory of Bev Gloumakoff at the memorial dogwood tree. Over 300 donated trees were distributed free to residents.

### **Community Day**

Sat. June 13 the Commission's display next to the Mountain Lake Bog Riparian Planting site included an information table where many brochures were distributed. Two water balloon launchers were set up and participants answered environmental trivia question to gain an opportunity to launch biodegradable water balloons at targets. This event served as the required educational event for the NJ Stormwater regulations.

### **Moth Night**

Wed. July 22 presentations were held in the Municipal building by the WC Mosquito Commission with an informational display, Rachael Mackow of Wild Ridge Plants with a presentation and native plant giveaway, and Blaine Rothauser with a presentation on moth identification. After dark, flashlight pens were distributed and the group moved to the ball fields where screens and mercury vapor lights were set up to attract the moths for identification and recording. As well as our Commission, volunteers included members from Knowlton, Mansfield and Belvidere Environmental Commissions and the Mt. Lake Community Association and Watershed Advisory Group.

### **Mountain Lake Stewardship Education Project**

An Open Space grant for \$1,150 from the Association of NJ Environmental Commissions was received to enhance public education regarding the Mountain Lake watershed. The grant was used to build and install 4 signs around the lake, each sign providing detailed information about the watershed, the wildlife, habitat and all of the major environmental work that has been done over the years to enhance and conserve this beautiful space.

### **Nature Walk**

October 24th a nature walk around the lake was held to unveil the new signs and discover the beauty & uniqueness of Mountain Lake. The walk began at the picnic area by the Lodge where a trivia scavenger hunt was held with prizes for all, as well as snacks and drinks. The event was sponsored by the LTEC, MLCA & WAG, ANJEC and the Phillipsburg Youth Corps.