



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting Minutes July 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Chair Doug Hankin, Vice Chair Rich Larsen, Dan Kurela, Maureen Bonner, Jess Howk, Larry Supp, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate John DeMarco

Absent: Joanne Ward

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 18, 2020 were approved with one amendment by a motion from Larry Supp, seconded by Rich Larsen. All in favor.

Communications None

Old Business

Harmful Algae Bloom at Mt. Lake: The third test was taken by NJDEP in early July. Results showed even lower levels of blue/green algae cell count. No Harmful algae bloom present. The EC is still recommending the Recreation Commission look into purchasing an aerator for the boat launch dock.

Septic Education Signs: Signs are in. Two signs will be placed around Mountain Lake and other 2 will be placed near the municipal building.

Wildflower Garden: Commission discussed the name for the garden, which was approved as Peaceful Garden. Dan reported that he installed black plastic along the roadside beds that were not yet seeded. Two locations: one bed to the left of the steps, looking up from the lake towards the road, and the second location is extending the garden bed to the mulberry tree. Shannon will email commission members final documents for review.

New Business

Lake Management subcommittee: At the subcommittee meeting, Bob Ballou presented a 6 point plan for lake management. Shannon will email to everyone for review. Commission discussed sampling in the lake, which includes: wet weather sampling, in-lake at depth phosphorous sampling, purchasing test strips to use to compare to certified samples, creating a budget for sampling costs, and the necessity of having a private property waiver to gain access to inlet sampling. John DeMarco and Larry Supp have volunteered to assist with sampling. Dan Kurela will follow up with more information regarding costs, needs, etc. Shannon will discuss with Solitude about options instead of spraying

Weed Harvesting at Mountain Lake: The Mountain Lake Community Association has sent in the \$800 deposit as a retainer for services. Dates to be announced still. The Community Association will notify residents and community of dates in advance and will coordinate with DPW. Bob Ballou and Shannon will meet on the lake over the weekend to finalize the lake plan for harvesting.

Liberty Twp. Water Studies and Plans: Larry was able to scan in and upload files to a Google drive and will share the link with everyone.

Social Media Campaign: The feedback and information sharing on Facebook has been greatly received. Facebook page links will be asked to be included on the Twp. website and blog. Any stories, articles or photos

can be shared with her directly for posting. Shannon will share photos of the septic signs for posting on Facebook.

Commission Member Reports: Commission members discussed following up with the Highlands Coalition funding and contacts. The Lake Association will be having their annual meeting on August 7th.

Expenditures: A motion was made by Larry, seconded by Diane, to approve the reimbursement for the monthly Zoom license. All in favor.

Adjournment: 8:35 pm
Approved 8/20/20