



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting Minutes August 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

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

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from July 16, 2020 were approved by a motion from Rich Larsen, seconded by Diane Gonski. All in favor.

Communications Discussion ensued regarding Facebook account and the opportunity to connect with Liberty Twp page, Warren County page, and Great Meadows Community Forum.

Old Business

Wildflower Garden brochure: Document presented with some minor adjustments. Leaflet will be printed about Peaceful Garden and shared with the community. Shannon will email to Commission members.

Lake Management Subcommittee: Met recently this month. Discussed submitting two grants: one request for pervious paver parking lot at the beach and the other grant to request assistance for planting by the pavilion utilizing plans from Rutgers and including a rain garden in the parking lot.

New Business

Lake Management Plan Input: Commission discussed timeline for sampling and the need for more frequent sampling and testing.

Weed Harvesting at Mountain Lake: Work has begun. So far 27 truck loads of material have been sent to compost at local farm in two days of harvesting. Most time will be spent to use weed harvester to remove biomass, then hydro-rake will be used to remove lily pad roots in certain areas to create access and flow zones.

Septic Awareness Week: 5 days in September (14th – 18th). Shannon will send forward proclamation and septic material will be posted on website and Facebook page. Request it be posted on electronic sign and make sure all sandwich board signs are up.

Water Testing Proposal from Solitude: Discussion took place regarding invoice from Solitude as well as waiting for a list of costs for testing and sampling to substitute with treatment contract. Bill will not be paid until addressed and invoiced correctly and proposal will be sent to all for review. Discussed collecting a price list for water sampling analysis on have on hand from local labs. Volunteer monitors from EC and community will be notified soon for training date with Mt. Lake Community Association.

Commission Member Reports: Larry expressed concerns regarding materials that have the commission's name on it should be brought before the commission for review and approval.

Doug shared information regarding Spotted Lanternfly larva and adults which he received from Extension agency. Shannon will share for Facebook and website to enhance community awareness. Doug mentioned that now is the time to spot nests on trees for population reduction. Commission agreed to move meetings back to the Liberty Twp. Municipal Building. Shannon will request use of the garage for the next meeting.

Expenditures: A motion was made by Diane Gonski to continue the approval of Zoom licensing for virtual attendance at meetings. Motion seconded by Rich Larsen, with all in favor.

Adjournment: 8:22 pm
Approved 9/17/20