



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting Minutes October 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Vice Chair Rich Larsen, Maureen Bonner, Dan Kurela, Larry Supp, second alternate John DeMarco

Absent: Joanne Ward, Chair Doug Hankin, first alternate Diane Gonski

Public Comment One member of the public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from September 17, 2020 were approved with a minor correction by a motion from Maureen Bonner, seconded by Rich Larsen. Dan Kurela abstained. All in favor.

Communications Mr. Kurela received communications from NJDEP regarding a resident at Mountain Lake removing plant and soil from the lake along the southern end without permit or permission. USGS is investigating and will keep the Environmental Commission informed.

Old Business

Water Quality Testing Proposal from Solitude: Results and analysis reports received from August sample conducted by Solitude. Discussion ensued regarding the differences in sample analysis from sample conducted by Larry. Larry reached out to Eurofins for a quote is awaiting a response. A balance remains on the contract. Members discussed seeking input from Bob Ballou regarding a priority sample/analysis for 2020. A motion was made by Maureen to have Rich speak with Bob for input. Larry seconded. All in favor.

Thank you letter for Twp. Committee: The secretary sent a letter to the Twp. Committee thanking them for their support of the weed harvesting efforts at Mountain Lake and provided details regarding the work done, i.e. amount of nutrients and biomass removed.

Septic Awareness Week: Maureen reported that no one yet has submitted an entry for the Pump It Challenge. More promotion via Facebook and website will be done. Rich volunteered to turn septic awareness message signs around.

EC Budget Ideas: Discussion took place regarding remaining balance from 2020. A motion was made by Larry, seconded by Maureen to recognize a subcommittee to

explore ideas and costs for potential expenses. Motion carried. Subcommittee will be Rich, Larry and Maureen. Some ideas discussed are dye tablets for septic systems, water sample and testing budget, supplies cost and more.

New Business

Water Quality Presentation: Bob Ballou organized a presentation to show all of the lake monitoring data from 40 years at Mountain Lake. Data was collected through the water monitoring program with the Mt. Lake Community Association, separate samples from consultants and Commission members, and studies done previously. One thing that was mentioned is that the middle of the lake should be a priority sampling location. More details from the presentation will be given. Shannon will email the powerpoint to everyone for more information.

2nd Annual Rivers Conference: Being hosted virtually on November 12th and 13th. EC members are encouraged to check it out.

Commission Member Reports: Members discussed following up with the Liberty Twp. Recreation Commission regarding some water quality enhancement recommendations previously discussed – green lasers to reduce geese and an aerator for the boat launch dock. Shannon will draft a formal letter of inquiry and request a response.

Expenditures: None.

Adjournment: 8:45 pm

Approved 11/19/20