



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes October 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm by the Chair in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Chair Phil Wooldridge, Rich Larsen, Dan Kurela, Maureen Bonner, Doug Hankin, Jess Howk, first alternate Diane Gonski

Absent: Joanne Ward, second alternate Helen Danitz

Public Comment One member of the public was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rich to approve the minutes of September 19, 2019 with minor corrections. Motions seconded by Maureen. All in favor.

Communications

None.

Old Business

TREX Plastic Challenge: Lots of plastic in storage. Doug, Diane and Shannon have been continuing to sort and organize the back room. Should be 500 lbs. in there for the third bench. Drop-off will begin in December. Discussion ensued regarding Clerk and Deputy Clerk taking over to work towards a fourth bench for the community. Commission members discussed the difficulty with plastic recycling due to the market not being able to support it as it did before.

Fish Habitat at Mountain Lake: Cribs will be installed before the end of October. Dates to be determined and Shannon will notify Commission members of details once confirmed. Only 4 cribs to be installed this fall. The remaining twenty will go in during the spring of 2020.

New Business

North Woods Lake dam project: Paper copy presented to Commission members. Ms. Schaaf will request the pdf version to share electronically.

Seed Planting at Wildflower Meadow: The EC received approval from the DPW and Twp. Committee to move forward with a native plant expansion of the wildflower meadow at Mt. Lake. Along the roadside is a sloped area that is tough for DPW to maintain due to cars parking there, and would be an ideal location for a native wildflower garden. Dan has been researching appropriate seed collections that would work best for the location, costs for all supplies and materials, as well as prepping the site for seed broadcasting. Discussion ensued regarding seed mix to be selected; the EC members chose the Hummingbird Mix (28 plant varieties and more than 50% wildflowers). A motion was made by Phil to approve costs up to \$100 for the seed mix, litter, and straw. Seconded by Doug. All in favor. Members will prep area and spread seed on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 1-3 pm.

Cabin Fever Workshop: Commission will host an Intro to Birding workshop for March workshop. Shannon will reach out to John Parke and see if there is an opportunity to work together. Discussion

ensued regarding the webpage for the EC and including some birding information and links for further education.

2020 EC Goals: Discussion among members to discuss what objectives the commission will want to accomplish in the coming year. Members discussed continuing with the Moth Night workshops, expanding native planting locations – possible site will be in front of DPW yard, seeing an electronic sign in front of the municipal building for public advertisement, and continuing in the future with the support of ANJEC.

Commission Member Reports: Phil shared that the sale of his home is moving along. Possibly will resign before November meeting.

Expenditures: None.

Commissioner and Public Comments: None

Adjournment: 8:33 pm

Approved 11/21/19