



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting Minutes November 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 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

Public Comment None.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 15, 2020 were approved by a motion from Maureen Bonner, seconded by Larry Supp. All in favor.

Communications Mr. Kurela has not heard back from NJDEP regarding the investigation into dredging at the south end of the lake. A member from the public was in attendance to learn about the commission and what they do since that person applied for Secretary position. Rec Commission Assistant was in attendance. John DeMarco is interested in appointment as full time commission member. Shannon will email both Diane and John to coordinate.

Old Business

Water Quality Testing Proposal from Solitude: Discussion ensued regarding soil sampling for the lake, but it would be too expensive at this time. Commission also discussed using the remaining contract balance for an algae sample, but will be unnecessary as the NJDEP will be out next month to resample. Commission decided to appoint Larry to communicate with Solitude to discuss a final sample in-situ as well as at mouth of Mountain Lake Brook. A motion was made to move forward with the before mentioned samples by Maureen, seconded by John. All in favor.

Septic Pump Challenge: One resident commented that they recently pumped their septic. Ms. Schaaf delivered a crocheted pumpkin with a thank you note from the Environmental Commission.

EC Budget Ideas: Eight ideas were presented by the subcommittee for purchasing and educational promotion to residents and for future giveaways. The ideas tabled are: twig balls for birding workshop (about \$35), Composters for future workshop door prize, magnets, and dye tablets for community septic awareness campaign. A motion was made by Maureen, seconded by Larry to approve the following purchases and

estimates: Postcard mailing from EC to all residents (\$550), Seed packets of native wildflowers for resident giveaway (\$200), Wildflower meadow continuation expenses (\$205), Tote bags (\$200), Eco activity books with EC logo and website (\$250), Sandwich Board sign inserts (birds & environmental messages) (\$200).

New Business

2nd Annual Rivers Conference: Shannon sent the email to links for all presentations from the conference. Dan reported that the conference was very good and informational.

Website review: All members will review the commission website and make recommendations for changes/updates as needed.

2020 Goals: Revisit in December. Some Commissioner comments circled back to the following up with the Twp. regarding Highlands conformance and porous asphalt grant for beach parking lot.

Welcome Letter for DPW: Shannon will provide the welcome letter from the Environmental Commission to the new Supervisor for DPW. A motion to send forth the letter was made by Rich, seconded by Maureen. All in favor.

Commission Member Reports: Dan reported that the meadow planting will take place during early spring (when forsythias are in bloom) and members discussed combining an outdoor birding workshop. Larry mentioned he did not receive reimbursement for water sampling. Shannon will look into. Shannon will also reach out to CFO regarding Pequest River Clean-up funds if available. Dan also mentioned suggesting beach tags and boat tags for the lake in the future. John Ward reported from the Recreation Commission that they have sought quotes for an aerator at the dock and led lights for geese management at the beach.

Expenditures: A motion was made by Larry to approve the November and December Zoom invoices as well as move forward with a 6month subscription. Motion seconded by Rich. All in favor.

Adjournment: 9:13 pm
Approved 12/17/20