



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes November 21, 2019

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

Roll

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

Absent: Joanne Ward, second alternate Helen Danitz, Phil Wooldridge

Public Comment One member of the public was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dan to approve the minutes of October 17, 2019, seconded by Diane. All in favor.

Communications

None.

Old Business

TREX Plastic Challenge: Doug and Diane updated the Commission on plastic recycling. Free Union Church is still collecting plastic and a member has built a wooden box for the plastic collection. Members of the Church can assist and drop off plastic for the fourth bench. December will be the drop off for the third bench.

Fish Habitat at Mountain Lake: A thank you letter was signed by the Mayor and Environmental Commission and sent to Muskies Inc. for the crib installation and investment in the fisheries at Mountain Lake. September 2020 the remaining 20 cribs will be installed.

Seed Planting at Wildflower Meadow: Dan reported to the commission that four people were in attendance at the native seed planting this month, totaling 17.5 hours of volunteer time over the weekend. There was a 2 day prep for the area before planting the 145 ft x 15 ft area. A seed mix containing a ground cover rye and the hummingbird mix from Ernst was used in the area. The commission will research a native plant for under the mulberry tree. Dan will start the seedlings and grow at home for a spring planting: two plants – one for part shade and one full shade, both somewhat drought tolerant. Soil condition is rich, dry and well drained.

ANJEC grant Report and Leaflet: The secretary will draft and share with Dan and Maureen for review and comments. Quarterly report will be drafted for review in December.

Cabin Fever Workshop: Birding 101 Workshop will be held March 20 or 27. Will confirm with John Parke.

New Business

Free Trees Application: Commission will apply for 400 trees for distribution in May 2020. Application will be given to the Township Committee for approval and signature.

Chair position available: Phil Wooldridge has resigned. Any commission members interested in the appointment should send a letter of interest to the Clerk and Township Committee.

Native Seed Planting Workshop: 100 foot section that can be continued by the wildflower meadow at the lake. Commission discussed making this a teachable demonstration planting in the late spring (May). Advertise at cabin fever workshop. Prepare set up of stages of prep work and have volunteers participate.

Commission Member Reports: Diane mentioned tree maintenance for the two trees planted in memory of former Commission members. Dan and Shannon will meet on 11/29 to mulch and prune the trees before the winter.

Ditty bag update: Four bags were given away this month to new residents.

Commission will request Public Work assistance to spread the extra mulch along the base of the wall.

Expenditures: None.

Commissioner and Public Comments: None

Adjournment: 8:45 pm

Approved 12/26/19