



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes December 26, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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,

Absent: Jess Howk, Joanne Ward, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rich to approve the minutes of November 21, 2019, seconded by Dan. All in favor.

Communications

Free Trees Application submitted. A holiday card was received from the NJ Youth Corps of Phillipsburg. The Commission also received communication regarding a Freshwater Wetlands Permit application submitted by JCP&L for line maintenance.

Old Business

Seed Planting: Discussion ensued regarding selection of seeds to purchase for growing and planting under the mulberry tree at the lake. Dan will email out some suggested species and link to the catalog for members to review and make a selection. The seedlings will be planted same day as the tree giveaway.

ANJEC Grant Report: Shannon will email to the Commission for review, along with the garden leaflet.

Cabin Fever Workshop: A motion was made by Maureen to approve spending \$200 for a speaker and presentation from the Audubon Society for the Cabin Fever Workshop. Motion seconded by Rich. All in favor. The secretary will draft a flyer for review to promote the event. Discussion ensued regarding advertising methods, i.e. the Easton Express, sandwich boards and flyers, social media and neighborhood apps. The Commission discussed purchasing 2 additional sandwich board signs. A motion was made Rich to purchase the signs at \$280. Motion seconded by Maureen. All in favor. Commission discussed investing in a cricut cutter and vinyl to make their own letters/numbers for future signs.

New Business

Harmful Algae Bloom at Mt. Lake: A second test from the NJFDEP is pending for January regarding the alga bloom. Two members of the public were in attendance and expressed concern over the toxic algae presence at the lake and actions to be taken to prevent future blooms. The Commission discussed organizing a list of suggested ideas to share with the Township Committee and Mt. Lake Community Association for enhanced lake management and algae bloom reduction. Dan shared an informative bulletin from ANJEC that discusses septic management. The Secretary will forward to the Clerk and Twp. Committee for review. The Commission discussed the need for more education on septic management in town, as well as a septic maintenance flyer. Commission also discussed the

possibility of coordinating an ANJEC workshop on septic management for Mt. Lake Community Association lake management workshop (Feb. 7, 21 or 28). Discussion will continue in January.

Annual Report: The Secretary will email for review.

2020 Budget Request: The Commission reviewed and discussed the budget from 2019. A motion was made by Rich to request the same budget for 2020. Seconded by Maureen. All in favor.

Commission Member Reports: None

Expenditures: Maureen made a motion to approve the ANJEC dues of \$400 for the 2020 year. Motion seconded by Rich. All in favor.

Commissioner and Public Comments: None

Adjournment: 8:56 pm

Approved 1/16/20