



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes January 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Chair Phil Wooldridge, Vice Chair Dan Kurela, Tom Webster, first alternate Diane Gonski, Absent: Joanne Ward, Helen Danitz, Doug Hankin

Reorganization

Dan Kurela was voted as Vice Chair on a motion made by Phil Wooldridge, seconded by Tom Webster. All in favor.

The 2017 meeting schedule was approved by a motion from Diane Gonski, seconded by Tom Webster. All in favor.

Public Comment

Two interested residents were in attendance. Rich Larsen and Maureen Bonner. Both expressed an interest in serving on the Environmental Commission.

Approval of Minutes

October 20th & November 17th, 2016 minutes approved on a motion by Mr. Kurela, seconded by Ms. Gonski. All in favor.

Old Business

Dark Skies ordinance- Mr. Kurela will be researching how to conduct a community survey on lighting, costs, how this ordinance will affect residents. Mr. Kurela will continue to work on this. Proposed anti-rooftop solar array ordinance – No update yet. Mr. Wooldridge will attend next Township Committee meeting. Northridge Lake Property – Field trip will be planned for March. No official update.

New Business

NJ Tree Foundation free trees application – Maybe next year.

2017 Budget Request – The commission voted to submit the budget request for the same amount and no changes. A motion was made by Ms. Gonski, seconded by Mr. Webster, all in favor.

ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant – Interest in pursuing the grant to cover the costs for a flora and fauna and moth survey at the property, with a possible moth night event for this summer. Mr. Wooldridge will look research and report back.

Birdhouse Project with Hannah Donnelly – Ms. Schaaf will contact Hannah for more information.

Annual Report 2017 – Commissioners reviewed the report and will submit to the Township Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Kurela, seconded by Diane. All in favor.

March 25th Community Workshop – Interest in hosting a community education workshop about native plants and birds. Also, will include a craft using grapevine balls and wool rovings for attendees to make and bring home for birds in their yard.

Commission Member Reports

None

Expenditures

ANJEC dues approved for \$300. Motion made by Mr. Webster, seconded by Ms. Gonski. All in favor.

Adjournment: 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Schaaf