

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION Minutes of Monthly Meeting January 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting was advertised on the Township Website Blog as in-person at the Township municipal building and on LTEC's Facebook page.

Roll Call: Present: Chair Larry Supp, Vice-Chair Doug Hankin, Sarah Longo, Rich Larsen, Martine Kieffer, and Diane Gonski Absent: Doug Wright

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

• <u>December 16, 2021 Minutes</u> – Motion was made by Martine Kieffer to amend the minutes, seconded by Doug Hankin, all in favor. A motion was made by Rich Larsen to approve as amended, seconded by Larry Supp. All in favor.

Communications: None

Old Business:

- **Peaceful garden updates/ideas for 2022** Rich will be looking into what types of birds are often seen near the garden, and appropriate bird houses that can be installed. Inquiry into the ANJEC grant regarding types of plants/flowers that can be planted will be made, and a decision on re-seeding will take place. Ideas on watering/maintenance of re-seeded areas to be discussed.
- Lake monitoring update (findings/recommendations from Princeton Hydro) – Conclusion is that there is a lot of internal loading, meaning that phosphorus concentrates at the bottom and stays there until turnover. Princeton Hydro will be completing grant application on behalf of the town in exchange for the contract to continue services paid for by the grant. The Lake Subcommittee will be working with the Warren County Community College Drone Program. Students will use the lake as a learning vehicle for data in exchange for pictures and any useful information the drone(s) can capture.

New Business

- **Workshops for 2022** Sarah is inquiring with an arborist on a workshop to educate the public on trees. To be discussed further at next month's meeting.
- <u>New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign for 2022</u> It was agreed that we will increase the number of trees requested to 650. A subcommittee (Sarah, Martine,

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and Rich) was formed to make decisions on efficient distribution of the free trees. To be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Commission Member Reports

Approval of Expenditures – Inquiry to be made regarding the ANJEC Membership fee.

Commissioner and Public Comments

Adjournment: 8:20 PM

NEXT MEETING February 17, 2022