



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
**Minutes of Monthly Meeting**  
**April 21, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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: Vice-Chair Doug Hankin, Sarah Longo, Rich Larsen, Martine Kieffer, Diane Gonski and Jarod Gajda  
Absent: Doug Wright, Chair Larry Supp (called in at 8:00 PM)

**Public Comment:** A comment/question was brought up regarding the "catch basins" in various developments, and whether the town is responsible for cleaning them out. They were directed to contact the town clerk.

**Approval of minutes:**

- March 17, 2022 Minutes – Motion was made by Sarah Longo to approve the minutes, seconded by Rich Larsen. All in favor.

**Communications: None**

**Old Business:**

- **Tree (arborist) Workshop Review**– It was agreed that the workshop was a success with a great turnout. The only suggestion was to perhaps have a larger screen for presentations.
- **Free Tree Giveaway planning update** – 500 trees were received. Paper sandwich bags with labels and QR codes with care instructions for each species will be prepared. Facebook will be updated with species available as soon as possible. Everyone volunteering will meet at the pavilion at 9:00 AM.
- **8 scattered catchbasin filters leading into separator Vortech... are they worth maintaining?** – It was agreed that the EC's position is that an expert recommended the system be installed for a reason, and therefore should be maintained as needed. Discussions to be continued.
- **Green Infrastructure Project – prospects and challenges** – The project was shared with Princeton Hydro who has offered to submit the grant application on the town's behalf with the understanding that they will be given the contract for the work if the grant money is approved.

UPDATE: Project was also shared with Rutgers who agreed to work on it as well

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- **Solitude Herbicide Contract** – A new contract was provided at an annual cost of \$2,050. The town is to be billed \$512.50 per month, May through August. The Green Clean add-on requires a separate contract, \$325 per visit, written authorization from Customer required each time. This is a huge departure from last year's contract. A recalculation of the Diquat swim exposure scenarios was done using the EPA methods. All scenarios yielded a Margin of Exposure MOE greater than 1,000 for child swimmers which is adequate to meet the extra standard (above the EPA standard) for child exposures. A motion was made by Rich Larsen to recommend the Solitude contract with the stipulations proposed except on Schedule B and to delete the need for the closing of the beach the day after the applications. Seconded by Doug Hankin. All in favor. Rich Larsen made a motion to reject the Green Clean contract with Solitude, seconded by Doug Hankin. All in favor.
- **2022 ANJEC grants for open space stewardship projects** – Resources for fencing companies and supplies are proving to be limited. Discussions to continue for consideration next year.

**Commission Member Reports:**

**Approval of Expenditures**

**Commissioner and Public Comments**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Doug Hankin to adjourn at 8:29 PM, seconded by Diane Gonsky.

**NEXT MEETING May 19, 2022**