



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
May 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting was advertised on the Township Website Blog as Zoom only at the Township municipal building and on LTEC's Facebook page.

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

- April 21, 2022 Minutes – Motion was made by Larry Supp to add an update to the minutes under “Green Infrastructure Project” to reflect that the project was shared with Rutgers who has also agreed to work on it. Seconded by Rich Larsen. All in favor. Martine Kieffer made a motion to approve the minutes as amended by Larry, Seconded by Rich Larsen. All in favor.

Communications: None

Old Business:

- **Catchbasin filters and maintenance** – Dave Rogers of the Township Committee requested pricing for filters and options and is looking into funding for filter costs and maintenance.
- **Green Infrastructure Project** – Dr. Obruption of Rutgers has provided a new drawing for parking lot and boat ramp. His hope is to obtain grant money for both permeable and non-permeable portions.
- **2023 ANJEC grants for open space stewardship projects** – Idea to apply for funding to repair the railing near the Peaceful Garden is off the table. No replacement parts available. Town should be funding. Discussions tabled for now.
- **Solitude herbicide contract update** – Solitude rejected the contract in the form it was in and asked for it to be re-signed. Month of May portion needed to be deleted. Contract is revised to $\frac{3}{4}$ of what it was. Start date will be second week of June.

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- **Free Tree Giveaway Suggestions for next year:**
 - Shortened hours
 - Continue to use the pavilion
 - Look into the ability to have more time between pick-up and giveaway
 - Labeling bags ahead of time
 - No pre-orders

New Business

- **Wildflower Garden Planting** – Larry Supp made motion to purchase daffodil bulbs to fill-in the hill area, pending confirmation of grant requirements, seconded by Rich Larsen.
- **Water Testing/Sampling** – Sampling has resumed and will take place every 2 weeks through October (depending on weather). Readings will take place at the center of the lake only, where it's the deepest.

Commission Member Reports:

Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner and Public Comments

Adjournment: A motion was made by Martine Kieffer to adjourn at 7:55 PM, seconded by Larry Supp.

NEXT MEETING June 16, 2022