



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
**Minutes of Monthly Meeting**  
**August 18, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting was advertised on the Township Website Blog at the Township municipal building and on LTEC's Facebook page.

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

**Public Comment:** A member of the public brought a concern and question about the Spotted Lantern Fly insects that are overwhelming the trees on his property, and throughout the town. They hear of recent news of State funding in NY and wondering if there was anything similar in NJ. Would like to know if anything becomes available, as he is exterminating approximately 200 per day with his own homemade traps. Larry advised that he would check into the SLF issue with the Dept. of Agriculture.

**Approval of minutes:**

- July 21, 2022 – Larry Supp made a motion to approve the minutes subject to amendment reflecting the purchase of 4 sandwich board posters for Community Day instead of 2. Seconded by Jarod Gajda. All in favor. Sarah Longo abstained.

**Communications:**

- It was communicated by Diane Pflugfelder that all town committee and commission meetings must return to in-person unless an advertisement is posted in the newspaper, as per the Open Public Meetings Act.
- Larry spoke with Bob S. of Solitude who advised that he treated the beach area a little further out from the ropes. Larry followed up by going to the beach 10 days after treatment to see the results. It was noted that all the leaves were gone from the milfoil, but stems were still there. Determination was made that the chemical treatment is effective, just needs to start earlier in the season.

**Old Business:**

- **Catchbasin filters and maintenance - update** – Nothing new
- **Green Infrastructure Project** – Nothing new
- **Eligible native plants for the Peaceful Garden** – Home Depot is selling a mix of 45 different daffodil bulbs for approximately \$20. Rich will purchase \$60 worth

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of bulbs, already approved during the May 19, 2022, meeting. Remaining ANJEC funds from grant may be used to clean-up the garden, space out some of the plants a little more, and install weed cloth to help prevent weeds.

**New Business**

- **Lake Monitoring Update** – Latest test results are very good with no HAB.
- **Sandwich Board Posters** – New double sided sandwich board posters will be ordered within a week. Already approved during the July 21, 2022, meeting.
- **Community Day** – No official theme has been established. Looking into whether we should set-up our own game or instead have volunteers to work something the recreation department already has ANJEC for some helpful information. The Mountain Lake Community Association will be selling tote bags; therefore, we should avoid giving away free ones.

**Commission Member Reports:**

**Approval of Expenditures:**

**Commissioner and Public Comments**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Larry to adjourn at 8:23 PM, seconded by Sarah.

**NEXT MEETING September 15, 2022**

Approved 1/19/2023.