

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes June 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Vice Chair Dan Kurela, Tom Webster, Rich Larsen, Maureen Bonner, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz

Absent: Chair Phil Wooldridge, Joanne Ward, Doug Hankin

Public Comment None

Approval of minutes

Ms. Bonner made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting, seconded by Ms. Gonski. All in favor.

Communications

The NJ League of Conservation Voters sent there Environmental Policy Guide for the Environmental Commission to use as a reference.

Old Business

Dark Skies Ordinance: More than 50 responses have been received from the online survey. Mr. Kurela purchased signs and set them out across town to promote. After the signs went in, more than double the pre-sign response was received. 90% of responders are in favor of an ordinance. Mr. Kurela will attend next Township Committee workshop to update the Committee.

Community Day: Discussion took place regarding the Environmental Commission table and the response from the public. Public appearance at the table was low. Suggested alternate ideas for next year.

Clean Communities: No update.

New Business

Pavilion planting: Discussion was brought up from Ms. Schaaf regarding the previously mentioned landscape plan and plating at the John R. Fisher pavilion at Mt. Lake. Mr. Kurela can do a to-scale sketch. Suggested commission members look up out Pride's Corner nursery online and available native plant lists. Possible spring 2018 project. Ms. Schaaf will invite Dan Grover to the next EC meeting.

Commission Member Reports

Approval of Expenditures

Commissioner and Public Comments

Ms. Schaaf mentioned a volunteer weed removal at the lake for Monday morning. Discussion took place regarding pet waste disposal systems. The EC recommended promoting ordinance first.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Approved 08/17/17