



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes December 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:06 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll

Present: Chair Phil Wooldridge, Vice Chair Dan Kurela, Tom Webster, Doug Hankin, Maureen Bonner, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz

Absent: Rich Larsen, Joanne Ward,

Public Comment None

Approval of minutes

Ms. Bonner made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2017, seconded by Ms. Gonski. All in favor.

Communications

NJ Fish & Wildlife contacted the LTEC regarding working with a local fishing club to put artificial structure in the lake. The group is interested in using Christmas trees to anchor. More research will be done by LTEC commissioners for discussion in January.

Old Business

Chemical List for Website: Ms. Schaaf will reach out to DPW regarding the log and possibly sending a picture of the list.

Planting at Lake Pavilion: No plan ready yet. Hopefully in January. Interest in hosting an Earth Day planting and partnering with the Watershed Ambassador to install rain barrels. Discussion ensued regarding cost and topsoil, mulch, etc. Possible donations from Nature's Harvest, Donaldson's, or Pio Costa. Potential for need of 10-15 yards of topsoil for site, about \$400 budget.

Welcome to the Watershed Bags: Ms. Schaaf will draft a letter from the EC for review and look for more local documents to be included in the bags, i.e. newsletter, town contacts list, county contacts, etc.

New Business

Cabin Fever Workshop Ideas: Invite White Twp. Environmental Commission to partner. See if White EC will let us use or bring their Groundwater model. Ms. Bonner suggested "We are Water" project video for a showing. Partner with Watershed Ambassador. Invite schools and environmental clubs to attend.

Annual Report: Ms. Schaaf will draft and submit.

Dark Skies presentation: LTEC will present at the Jan. Twp. Committee workshop. Brief presentation to be finalized at next meeting. Hands-on instead of PowerPoint. Discuss need, show examples of shielded lights, picture of solar field in Port Murray. Goal is to make a clear, concise presentation with a handout about smart lighting solutions. Present findings from survey, ordinance promotes good neighbor relations and will maintain rural nature of our town.

Commission Member Reports

Ms. Danitz shared an article regarding solar panel grant received by a school.

Approval of Expenditures

None

Commissioner and Public Comments

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Approved 1/18/18