



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes February 21, 2019

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

Roll

Present: Chair Phil Wooldridge, Dan Kurela, Rich Larsen, Maureen Bonner, Mike Beyer (Township Committee)
Absent: Joanne Ward, Tom Webster, Doug Hankin, first alternate Diane Gonski, second alternate Helen Danitz

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January 17, 2019 were approved with a minor correction by a motion made by Maureen Bonner, seconded by Dan Kurela. All in favor.

Communications

Maria Scricco, Gold Award Project: Maria was in attendance to provide an update and seek information regarding her Gold Award which was approved by the Girl Scout Council. Maria will be creating a documentary about dark skies and the importance in reducing light pollution. The Environmental Commission will share information with her during their research regarding light pollution.

Old Business

Pavilion Planting: Mike Beyer was in attendance to hear about the proposal to plant at the Pavilion at Mt. Lake. Expressed concerns from the Township Committee in ensuring lake access, mower ease and accessibility. Mr. Kurela drafted a plan and members shared their own suggestions for a planting plan, including species and design. Plants are still pending determination and will discuss with Public Works. One member plan proposed using the boulders around the pavilion as a toe wall for the planting area and incorporating into the landscape design. Mr. Beyer will share ideas from the Commission with Public Works and the Township Committee for further recommendations and approval. Discussion shifted a little to express interest from the Commission in having a liaison from the Township Committee attend Environmental meetings. Discussed the Amendments to the Smoke Free Air Act and its impacts on the town. A Commission member did ask Mr. Beyer for feedback from the Township Committee regarding the light pollution ordinance drafted by the Environmental Commission and presented in February 2018. Mr. Beyer will get back to the Commission.

TREX Plastic Challenge: 486.7 pounds of sorted plastic have been dropped off to date. The Commission can begin the next 500 lb. collection in May through September. Shannon will coordinate with Independence Twp. for them to collect from our bins for the next two months to add to their recycling challenge.

Fish Habitat at Mountain Lake: March 7th is the presentation about the Fish Habitat project to the Township Committee. Shannon will reach out to Pat Hamilton for updated information regarding our fishery at Mountain Lake and prepare talking points and include talking points from Mr. Kurela. Members will meet 15 minutes before the Township Committee meeting to quick review.

New Business

Cabin Fever Workshop: Recycling video will be shown and the craft will be making reusable bags out of t-shirts. Maureen will request the documentary from ANJEC and Shannon will draft a flyer for promotion.

Tree Giveaway: A motion was made by Maureen to purchase three trays of tree tubelings (\$35 each) to give out on May 4th. Motion seconded by Rich. All in favor.

Commission Member Reports: None

Expenditures: None

Adjournment: 8:44 pm

Approved 3/21/19