



## Liberty Township Environmental Commission Minutes of Monthly Meeting

2021, June 17

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting was advertised on the Township Website Blog as in-person at the Township municipal building and via Zoom, with login instructions, and on LTEC's Facebook page.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chair Larry Supp, Maureen Bonner, Rich Larsen, Doug Wright, Doug Hankin, Sarah Longo, first alternate Diane Gonski

Absent: Michael Hoffman

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** Josh Muzikar, Patrick O'Connor

**Approval of minutes:** It was determined that because there was a lack of quorum the April 2021 and May 2021 minutes do not require approval, and instead would serve as an FYI. Minutes from February 18, 2021, need to be reviewed and voted on at the July meeting.

### **Communications**

- Email from Dan Kurela regarding Mountain Lake Fire Co. septic system – Follow-up with the Warren County Health Department confirmed that this matter is not the responsibility of the LTEC. There is a pending case/application for a new system that the F.D. engineer is handling.
- Freshwater Wetlands Application received via mail – This is a copy of a recent application that does not require any action.
- NJDEP Letter of Interpretation received via mail – This is a copy of a recent application that does not require any action.

### **Old Business**

- Purchase of additional Sandwich Board Posters (Rich) – Rich would like to order 10 new sandwich board posters. The cost of each poster is \$18 each (one sided). The cost of each double-sided poster is \$20. Doug Hankin made a motion to approve the purchase of 5 double sided posters subject to Zoning approval, Maureen Bonner second the motion, all in favor. Larry volunteered to inquire with the town regarding the ordinance for temporary signs, as suggested by Doug Wright.
- Allowing the use of Sandwich Boards to other groups – To be discussed at another time pending Zoning approval/clarification

- Lake Catch Basins (Larry and Rich) – Princeton Hydro checked one of the catch basins at its outlet and determined that it was fine. The catch basins are something that should be monitored to ensure they are working properly. Does the town DPW keep them clear? There are filters that can be purchased to assist with keeping out debris and other contaminants, but inspections are required.
- Garden and Wildflower patch (Rich, Maureen) – Rich is doing a lot of work to help with weeding and maintaining the garden. He has advised that it looks good and healthy. However, the area on the slope looks a bit rough. Maureen will look into soliciting volunteers to assist with weeding and maintenance.
- Member(s) willing to serve on Mountain Lake Community Association as liaison – Doug Hankin will inquire with Shannon to clarify what would be expected of this role. It was suggested that perhaps instead of having someone serve as liaison, we exchange meeting minutes. To be discussed further at the July meeting.
- Resuming in-person meetings at the municipal building – Meetings will proceed in-person going forward until further notice.

### **New Business**

- Solitude Contract – The new contract was reviewed along with the options for treatments offered. The contract will be for July and August only. There was discussion regarding an alternative to the previous copper sulfate used, and it was agreed that it is worth trying the peroxide treatment to avoid putting hard metals into the water. Doug Hankin made a motion to approve the Solitude Contract with the Green Clean 5.0 (peroxide) option, at an additional cost of \$55 per month, seconded by Rich Larson and all in favor. Total contract cost \$1,130.
- Lake Monitoring Results and posting to public (Larry) – The process by which the NJDEP water testing results are communicated was discussed. The township Sub Committee, LTEC, Recreation Department, and Lake Association work together with regards to the water testing. No results are to be communicated to the public until the NJDEP posts the information on their website and the town clerk, committee, and mayor are informed.
- Budget review (Larry) – Money left in the budget was reviewed.
- LTEC Office report (Carrie) – Discussion regarding the status of the office at the municipal building was done. It was agreed that at some point boxing/archiving old files should be investigated.
- Monthly report explained (Carrie) – It was explained that the monthly report is a summary of the minutes from the most recent meeting that is distributed to the town committee. It is a summary of the month's business, discussion, and/or proposed projects. In the past Shannon did not ask for input from the members, but it was agreed that for the next couple of months the report would be circulated to members for feedback while Carrie becomes familiar with this process.
- Meeting Minutes transcriptions (Larry) – A brief overview of what should be included in meeting minutes.
- Facebook administration and posting (Maureen and Carrie) – It was agreed that Maureen and Carrie would remain administrators of the Facebook page, and Jess Howk would be removed. Members did not agree on setting posting guidelines, but there was discussion about being cautious of what is posted. Carrie agrees to withhold

from posting anything without approval from the chair and/or members. It was reiterated that no NJDEP information regarding lake water testing results be posted until after all appropriate parties are first notified (sub-committee, LTEC, Lake Association, Municipal Clerk, Township Committee, and the mayor).

- Township Blog posting (Larry) – The clerk has the ability to post to the blog and was provided a template for water testing results that may or may not be used for posting current and/or future information.
- Membership appointment status (Carrie) – New members were appointed by the mayor and all but one were in attendance. It was discussed that Patrick O'Connor will not be able to serve as a member until he returns to Liberty Township as a permanent resident.
- Community Day – It was agreed that plans for Community Day begin. To be added to the July agenda.

**COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:** None.

**EXPENDITURES:** Nothing new.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:40 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING July 15, 2021**