



Liberty Township Environmental Commission Minutes of Monthly Meeting

October 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 on LTEC's Facebook page.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Larry Supp, Vice-Chair Doug Hankin, Martine Kieffer, first alternate Diane Gonski, and Sarah Longo

Absent: Maureen Bonner, Rich Larsen, and Doug Wright

Approval of minutes:

- September 16, 2021 Minutes – Motion was made by Doug Hankin to approve, seconded by Larry Supp. All in favor.

Communications: Michael Hoffman has resigned from the EC.

Old Business (Follow-ups):

- **Update on new septic system for the fire house** – It was worked out with the DEP and town engineer. An advanced treatment unit was approved, and things are in process.
- **Weed harvest at the lake this year** – Date is pending and may potentially be put off until Spring, as the company who handles this has been equivocal. The DEP would not approve after the month of October.
- **Yard waste removal update** – It was agreed that inquiring with other towns to see how leaf/yard waste removal is handled would be a starting point for further discussions and recommendations to the town committee.

New Business:

- **Peaceful Garden and Wildflower patch photo library/QR Code and fall maintenance plans** – The QR code has been established. Permission will be requested to post the information by the pavilion. A date will be set to trim everything down according to the seed company's recommendations. Rich, Larry and Sarah are volunteering.
- **Lake Monitoring update** – Bob, Larry, and John Ward recently performed temperature monitoring and found that the upper/surface of the lake is cooling. We might see a lake turnover by some time in November. DEP took

samples recently, no results yet. Water testing is seasonal and will likely go until some time in November.

- **Solitude chemical/treatment safety inquiry update and next steps –** Next month Larry will present a report with his findings. Questions to consider going forward are, why is the EC approving this contract? Should the EC be recommending closure of the beach for a couple of days following treatments?
- **Dilapidated construction bordering the lake (i.e. homes, docks, etc.) and their potential effects on the lake –** There is no town ordinance to specifically address this issue, but the town is aware of current construction that is coming close to falling into the lake. This could potentially fall under the general nuisance category. The EC cannot take action, only advise the town of concerns. The EC may want to investigate rumors of vehicle(s) at the bottom of the lake.

Additions to New Business:

- **Trash removal around the lake and/or other areas –** Inquire with the town on using "Recycling" funds to purchase trash receptacles around the lake and promote trash pick-up. Inquire with local disposal companies on free pick-up.
- **Promoting EC visibility –** Diane and Martine will work together on a list of workshop ideas and present at next month's meeting.
- **Updated roster –** Carrie will update and distribute the EC roster.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS: None.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There is concern about lake/stream runoff. Suggestion was made to inquire about nets that are made specifically to collect debris to avoid being dumped into the lake. Property ownership could be a barrier to addressing this. Perhaps the EC could investigate and provide a recommendation to the town.

ADJOURNMENT: Doug made a motion to adjourn, Sarah seconded. Adjournment at 8:04pm.

NEXT MEETING November 18, 2021