

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**APRIL 23, 2013**

Elise Bremer-Nei called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:35PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Roll Call was taken showing present, Elise Bremer-Nei, Nancy Scarafile; Mike Hlubik, Karl Braun and Martha Veselka. Absent: F. Gerry Spence and Jane Ryan

**MINUTES**

March 26, 2013

A motion was made by Ms. Scarafile seconded by Ms. Bremer-Nei to approve the March 26, 2013 meeting minutes. All in favor, with the exception of Mr. Hlubik, Mr. Braun and Ms. Veselka who abstained, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

None

**DISCUSSION**

Reforestation

Joe Hirsh, Township Engineer attended the meeting. He informed the board that phase 2 of the reforestation is almost complete and phase 3 will start soon. There are 1,411 trees to be planted in phase 3 and he asked the board for recommendations on where the trees should be planted. He stated that Charlotte Rogers Park is full. It was suggested to plant at the soccer field on Shanahan Lane, the board discussed this and thought that there may be a right of way issue which Mr. Hirsh will look into this. It was suggested to plant at the end of Shanahan Lane where there is an abandon house, also on Recklesstown Way from Donlonton Circle to Preservation Blvd. and on Chesterfield-Crosswicks Road where there is a gap in the forest near Rosewood Drive. Mr. Hirsh stated that the state will inspect the trees when planted and again in 1 year, the Township has an agreement with the contractor for 1 year. Another suggestion was to plant a buffer for the residents on Daniel Lane; Mr. Hirsh will speak to them. Ms. Bremer-Nei asked about Ward Ave. overpass and if there were anything he could do regarding the width of the shoulder not being up to standards. Mr. Hirsh asked her to write a memo to him expressing her concerns. One more suggestion for trees would be on Ward Ave. between the village and turnpike overpass.

## Crosswicks-Doctors Creek Watershed Intro

Marc Covitz, Chairman of CDCWA and Walter Helfrect, Treas. and Webmaster attended the meeting. Mr. Covitz informed the board on the history of the Watershed Association. He stated that their goals are to preserve historical sites, maintain water quality and develop a series or network of trails. The organization is a volunteer group. A recent grant that was received allows them to offer a reduce price on well water testing. They recently sent out post cards to residents along Crosscreek and have advertised in the local newspaper. They asked if we would be interested in putting a blurb in the website and Mr. Helfrect left postcards to be placed in the Township Building. This offer is good for 43 tests or until October 31, 2013 which ever comes first. The results of the test go to the individual and are not made public.

The board informed Mr. Covitz and Mr. Helfrect about the clean up on Crosscreek that they have been working on and Mr. Covitz expressed his interest in helping out. He left his e-mail address and asked the board to contact him when they have a date.

## Arbor Day

Ms. Bremer-Nei heard back from Glenn McGlocklin of NJ Forestry Service and they will be sending the person that handles the dog, Smokey the Bear will be there as well. Ms. Bremer-Nei will be there to speak on behalf of the Environmental Commission. The seedlings are there and will be passed out along with a flyer that has care instructions on one side and information regarding the tree of the month on the other.

## Tree of the Month

Ms. Scarafile stated that Fernbrook and Tractor Supply have each donated a tree. Ms. Veselka spoke to Mr. Osman and Mr. Szul and they will each donate one as well. There are 8 more trees needed.

## **BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

An application for CSIP (Community Stewardship Incentive Program) grant has been received. Ms. Bremer-Nei and Ms. Veselka will work on the grant. The deadline is May 31, 2013.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Mr. Braun, second by Mr. Hlubik to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aggie Napoleon, Secretary