

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING**

MAY 28, 2013

Elise Bremer-Nei called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:43PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Roll Call was taken showing present, Elise Bremer-Nei, Nancy Scarafilo (8:10); Martha Veselka; Jane Ryan. Absent: F. Gerry Spence; Mike Hlubik and Karl Braun

MINUTES

April 23, 2013

A correction was suggested by Ms. Veselka to change the number of trees needed for tree of the month from 10 to 8.

A motion was made by Ms. Veselka seconded by Ms. Bremer-Nei to approve the April 23, 2013 meeting minutes with the correction. All in favor, with the exception of Ms. Ryan who abstained, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Weismantal – 80 Harness Way thanked the board for the work they did regarding the grass around the ponds in the Old York Village to not be cut. The grass is growing around the outside ring and he is seeing fewer geese.

DISCUSSION

Arbor Day

Ms. Bremer-Nei stated that the program went well. Glenn Liepe the K-9 Trainer/Handler from the New Jersey Forestry was there. He told the kids some stories regarding situations he and the dog had been in. A couple of sixth graders read some poems, a teacher read the Dr. Seuss story Lorex. Ms. Bremer-Nei had a few kids come up on stage and they did a tree pose from yoga. She also told the kids about the tree contest. Smokey the bear was there as well.

Tree of the Month

We had received a few good entries. The board will be talking to Larry Kuser along with John Benton to see if they will be interested in donating trees. The board had a short discussion and chose the winner of the May tree of the month, the winner is Tara Kiesling, Ms. Scarafile will contact her, Ms. Ryan will transport the tree to her

Tree Keeper Report

There is a dead holly tree in the Village Park which has already been marked for replacement. The street trees are doing well. Ms. Veselka will look into a program called "Google docs". Ms. Ryan has not been in her area in a couple of weeks and has no real issues. Ms. Veselka will call Mr. Lebak directly regarding mulching. The board thought that some good mulch dates would be June 15th or 29th or July 13th.

Sustainable New Jersey

Regina Colonna has started composting using a 4 x 4 area which is fenced in. It is made up of grass, mulch leaves and scraps from the kitchen. It takes longer to break down because you don't turn it. Another suggestion that could be used is to cut the bottom of a plastic garbage can and fill it then move it to another spot and turn it over. Ms. Colonna will put together a flyer for the carnival to be handed out.

BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Ryan suggested having outreaches and find out who may be interested. Ms. Veselka said that Bordentown Township is interested in having a shared event and that we could host something here. We could get points for Sustainable New Jersey by hooking up with another Township. Martha will contact Bordentown Township.

Ms. Scarafile stated that the Township is putting too much mulch down in Old York Village. She will write a memo to the Township and also will include pictures she has taken. She suggested that a memo be written to educate the home owners. She also stated that there is a similar problem with the no net loss trees and will write a memo to the Township Engineer via Caryn Hoyer.

Ms. Scarafile has volunteered to be the Township coordinator for Green Communities Clean Up. The clean-up day is set for June 15th. The kids from Boy and Girl Scouts along with CTAA will participate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Mr. Veselka second by Mr. Scarafile to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary