

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2013**

Elise Bremer-Nei called the reorganization meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:37PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

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

**MINUTES**

January 22, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Spence seconded by Mr. Hlubik to approve the January 22, 2013 meeting minutes. All in favor with the exception of Mr. Braun who abstained, motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

Heptinstall Application – Minor Subdivision. The Planning Board requested the Environmental Committee to recommend a species of trees for 30 Front Street. The board reviewed the application and recommends that the application use Leyland Cypress and plant them in a double staggered row.

Morgenstern Application – Minor Subdivision. The board reviewed the application and they would like to recommend to the Planning Board to ask the applicant to substitute the Colorado Spruce for White Fir Abies Concolor. The secretary will send the memo to the Planning Board and the Applicant.

**DISCUSSION**

ANJEC Membership Dues/Workshop

A motion was made by Mr. Hlubik second by Mr. Braun to approve paying for the ANJEC Membership Dues along with the Workshop Fee. All were in favor, motion carried.

Arbor Day Foundation Dues

A motion was made by Mr. Hlubik second by Ms. Bremer-Nei to approve paying for the Arbor Day Foundation Dues. All were in favor, motion carried

### New Jersey Shade Tree Membership Dues

A motion was made by Mr. Hlubik second by Ms. Ryan to approve paying for the New Jersey Shade Tree Membership Dues. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Burlington County Bicycle Master Plan

Ms. Bremer-Nei attended the Burlington County Meeting and shared comments on behalf of the committee. On the Burlington County website a map can be viewed. The map shows where facilities are. The multi use path only goes through the development. The board suggested that we have signage for the residents to define destinations. Ms. Bremer-Nei will contact the County to see if there is funding available for this.

### Crosswicks Creek Project

Mr. Spence will inquire with Caryn Hoyer to see if the Township owns the property by Church Street where cars could park for entering and exiting Cross Creek. Ms. Bremer-Nei will contact Matt Johnson of Burlington County to pursue guidance from the County. Ms. Scarafile walked the 40 x 60 area, the flow through of the dam is a bit of a concern. Mr. Spence suggested we asked around to see if anyone may have a 12 or 14 ft flat bottom johns boat for clean up. Ms. Veselka suggested we get training on how to use the chainsaws that will be used for clean up. She will speak to Harold Black and ask if he may be interested in helping. The board plans to meet on April 13<sup>th</sup> time to be determined. Lauren Frazee will attend the meeting as well.

### NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program

Lauren Frazee attended the meeting; she stated that she will be hosting a clean up for lower Crosswicks event on March 9, 2013. She passed out flyers and she will also email everyone, she asked that we get back to her with who will attend. She will also be hosting a training in the spring with Crafts Creek Watershed and ask if the board would like to have a joint training with Mansfield Township. The program will be visual training on April 14<sup>th</sup> and Bio training on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be Regional Bio training on June 1<sup>st</sup> with the Pinelands Preservation Alliance which she will send the board that information.

### **BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Tree Keeping – As soon as we get volunteers Ms. Veselka will coordinate with Greg Lebak regarding mulching.

Ms. Veselka requested that a report on the tree keeper program be on the agenda each month. The leaders of each are should e-mail Martha and she will give an overall report.

The board discussed the problems with the trees at Charlotte Rogers Park and how the trees on learning due to the storm. Ms. Scarafile will give a report at next months meeting.

Mr. Braun will put together some suggestions on where the board would like to see trees be planted for the next phase of the not net loss program. He will work on an email and pass around to the board for additional comments.

Arbor Day will be on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Bremer-Nei will contact Mr. Mazzoni.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Aggie Napoleon, Secretary