

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

Chairperson Scarafile called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:30M. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present Nancy Scarafile, Mike Hlubik and Martha Veselka, Jane Ryan. Absent Karl Braun; Elise Bremer-Nei and F. Gerry Spence.

MINUTES

August 25, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Hlubik seconded Ms. Veselka to approve the August 25, 2015 meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION

Green Fair

Ms. Scarafile reached out to Bordentown Twp to see if they were having the Green Fair next year and they said that May 14th is the proposed date.

Tree keepers

Ms. Ryan stops by on working days and does little cosmetics to the same spots the DPW are working at. Mr. Hlubik suggested talking to Mr. Lebak about pulling the poke weed; Ms. Ryan stated she would just do it. The board didn't think Mr. Lebak would have an issue with that. Ms. Veselka suggested everyone keep a mental note of things that need to be done in the spring and put a list together for Mr. Lebak. Mr. Hlubik stated that the Village area looks better. Ms. Scarafile stated that at Charlotte Rodgers Park the Turn Pike tress have bag worms, she will let Ms. Hoyer know so she can inform the Township Engineer.

Shade Tree Federation

It will be held in AC this year. Ms. Veselka, Ms. Scarafile and Ms. Ryan will all attend on Saturday. Ms. Napoleon will reach out to Walt Idell to see if he is interested this year, she will also reach out to the members not at the meeting tonight. The board talked about having a member from the Green Team attend the conference. Ms. Scarafile stated that an initial deposit of \$100 to set up a trust fund was given to Ms. Wulstein, the Township

Treasurer and she will be in charge. Now that they are established the Green Team will receive \$400.00 to participate in the Clean Communities Programs. Ms. Wulstein has submitted all the paper work to the State.

EAB Trap

Ms. Ryan received the trap and she and Ms. Scarafile hung it. The trap was picked up on September 1st and there were 4 samples that were worth looking at. She is currently waiting for the results.

Mowing around the basins

Not mowing around the basins is to keep the geese out but Ms. Scarafile feels that it should be wider. It is currently about 10 feet wide and high. Ms. Ryan stated that it is under control and looks good. It was stated that we should suggest to Mr. Lebak to add more feet to make it wider. Mr. Hlubik stated that he would talk to Ms. Hoyer and to ask them to stop mowing now the sooner the better. Ms. Veselka recommended that we look into the Ordinance regarding Property Maintenance at our next meeting.

Teracycle Ink Jet Cartridge Program

Ms. Scarafile stated that she started the program 3 years ago. It started at .50 cents for a cartridge but the program has taken the profit away and is down to a 5th to a 10th of a cent. As of today we have \$23 in the account. Ms. Scarafile suggests we put the money into the Green Team Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Hlubik and second by Ms. Veselka to change the recipients of the funds from the Environmental Commission to the Green Team. All were in favor, motion carried.

Green Fair

Ms. Scarafile asked Ms. Colonna if May 14th worked for her and if she would be interested in doing it again this year. She stated that she would and that Bordentown Twp would be hosting it. Ms. Veselka stated that we should be in charge of advertising and promoting it. Ms. Scarafile will reach out to Mr. Pew.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Veselka asked about the Resolution that the board had suggested the Township adopt. Mr. Hlubik stated that he brought it up under discussion at the last Township meeting. The Township discussed it but decided to stay with the advice of the Township Attorney and that was to not oppose it but to suggest they pipe line by re routed and to express that the Township is willing to meet half way. Ms. Veselka was not aware that it was going to be discussed because it was not on the Township Agenda. She will write a letter to the Township expressing her concerns. Ms. Scarafile would like to put on record that at the meeting last month when a motion was made to recommend the Township adopt the Resolution that she was not in favor, it was just assumed that everyone was in favor with the exception of Mr. Hlubik who abstained.

Ms. Colonna stated that the Green Team host a screening regarding the bottled water issue. The goal is to make everyone aware and it could also be tied into a Sustainable action under Creating a Pledge.

Lena Smith asked Ms. Scarafile for a statement regarding the Resolution that was suggested the Township adopt. Mr. Hlubik suggested she refer that to Ms. Hoyer to respond.

Ms. Veselka would like to put on next months agenda to discuss the Property Maintenance Ordinance and to suggest changing the language on maintaining meadows.

Regarding Sustainable, Ms. Colonna is waiting to hear back from what has already been submitted. She stated that there are 2 people interested in joining the Green Team.

Clean up date is October 25th, the Green Team will be a part of the clean up. It was discussed that the focus should be around the storm drains mainly in Crosswicks, Iron Bridge Road and Extonville Road.

Ms. Veselka stated that a good job was done on the rain garden at the school.

It was suggested that Ms. Scarafile write a thank you to Derek for his Eagle Scout project at Cross Creek. She stated that monies from the Clean Communities were sent to him to help with the project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Veselka and seconded by Mr. Hlubik to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary