

# **CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

The Secretary 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.

Present Elise Bremer-Nei, Nancy Scarafile, Karl Braun, Jane Ryan Absent: Alex Robotin, Martha Veselka and F. Gerry Spence.

Mr. Robotin and Ms. Veselka attended the Elcon toxic incinerator meeting in Oxford Valley.

## **OATHS OF OFFICE**

Oath of Office was taken by Ms. Jane Ryan

## **MINUTES**

January 26, 2016

A motion was made by Mr. Braun seconded by Ms. Bremer-Nei to approve the January 26, 2016 meeting minutes. All were in favor with the exception of Ms. Ryan who abstained, motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Tree City USA Bulletin

## **PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

None

## **DISCUSSION**

Eagle Scout Project

Ben Wolverton would informed the board that he would like to clean up the park on Margerum Road. Mr. Braun spoke to Mr. Lebak, Public Works Director and he will work on clearing the entrance as soon as he can. Mr. Lebak asked that the EC flag the walkway. Mr. Braun stated that he will send an email to everyone once he has a date and it should take approximately a half hour to do. Ben said that there are 5 things that he needs to prove that it will be worthy of a scout project. 1) provide sufficient opportunity, 2) It appears to be feasible, 3) Safety issues will be addressed, 4) Action steps for further detailed planning are included, 5) On the right track with reasonable chance for a positive experience. Mr. Braun asked the secretary to check to see if the Township has a map of when the parks original layout. Ben's plan is to get more bird houses, he has someone interested in donating the houses. Mr. Braun suggested he check with Public Works to see if they have wood to make benches. Ben would like to put gravel down in the parking area and the board suggested getting the bag dispensers (carry out trash). The EC

will act as the beneficiary on the project. He will start the project as soon as the weather breaks. It was suggested that he informed the Township Committee.

#### 2016 NJ Tree Recovery Program

Mr. Ryan stated that the distribution date is April 23, 2016. Ms. Ryan will get flyers together. She is not sure what type we will get this year.

#### Arbor Day

Arbor Day will be on April 29, 2016. Ms. Bremer-Nei stated that we will have the Smokey the Bear this year and she is still looking for a guest speaker. She stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will get the seedlings and the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders could have the poster contest.

#### Spring Clean Up

Ms. Scarafile missed the deadline in getting the college students to help. The EC members and the Green Team will get together to clean up around the Municipal Building on March 19, 2016. After it is confirmed with the Green Team, the secretary will post it on the website and the facebook page. Ms. Scarafile will put it on Nextdoor Neighbor site.

#### Green Fair

Ms. Scarafile met with Bordentown and confirmed the date of April 30<sup>th</sup> and location will be in Bordentown. It was decided that the Township that hosts the event should have their local establishments bring in the food. Chesterfield will be responsible to bringing in some vendors, Ms. Scarafile will email all the vendors we had last year.

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

The board asked the secretary to write a memo to the Township Committee and ask for an update on the No Net Loss Project to find out if all the trees have been planted and if someone is keeping up with the maintenance agreement.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Ms. Bremer-Nei second by Mr. Braun to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary