

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MARCH 22, 2016

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

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

Absent: Karl Braun

MINUTES

February 23, 2016

A motion was made by Ms. Bremer-Nei, seconded by Ms. Ryan. All were in favor with the exception of Mr. Robotin, Mr. Spence and Ms. Veselka who abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

PSE&G Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit Application

The application is very vague and appears to be an attempt by PSE&G to merely cover all the bases. Ms. Scarafile will ask Caryn Hoyer for a copy of the permit and all EC members can review it at the next meeting.

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

Traditions 5 & 6

According to Mr. Spence, the last planning board meeting did not go smoothly for this application. The Township planner, Lisa Specca, presented alternatives for the 3-story houses that attempted to mitigate the height with various color palettes and landscaping. The developer did not like any of them. In Mr. Spence's opinion, there will need to be compromises on both sides.

Motivations Education Center (Richard Schmidt)

This application was tabled at the planning board meeting.

DISCUSSION

Cub Scout Community Service Day – April 3, 2016

According to Ms. Scarafile, the scouts will clean up the walking path behind the firehouse on Chesterfield-Bordentown Road. The EC has permission to transplant daffodils there. Ms. Scarafile suggested that perhaps the scouts could help clear the silt from the detention basin. There was some confusion about the actual date of the

cleanup. It was later determined by Ms. Scarafile that the date was April 2nd, which is a Saturday.

Arbor Day update

According to Ms. Bremer-Nei, the Pinelands Alliance has not yet responded to our request for a speaker for the Arbor Day event at the school. Mr. Braun had said that he would work on finding an alternative. Ms. Bremer-Nei will follow up and will also work on getting the Smokey the Bear costume from the Forest Service.

Green Fair update

According to Ms. Veselka, Bordentown Township's EC is not communicating much about the fair. She believes that we should attend their next meeting to speak with them. The vendor application was emailed to all EC members in both Chesterfield and Bordentown townships. All members should work on getting applications from vendors they approached last year. Ms. Ryan asked that the master list of vendors be sent out to Chesterfield's Green Team. She will reach out to Fernbrook. Ms. Bremer-Nei will confirm if Bordentown Township wants to do a poster contest or not. Ms. Veselka mentioned that the EC needed to purchase a 12' x20' tent for the green fair. Ms. Scarafile added that we would need to find a space to store it.

Eagle Scout project

Mr. Braun has marked out the trail on Margerum Road. Dan, the Eagle Scout candidate, has not responded to him.

NOT ON THE AGENDA

Southern Reliability Link and Compressor Station

Ms. Veselka made a motion that the EC sign a letter against the pipeline and compressor station. Ms. Ryan seconded. All were in favor with the exception of Ms. Bremer-Nei, who abstained. Mr. Robotin said that the Township will be appealing the BPU's ruling allowing the pipeline to move forward along its current proposed route.

Available grants

Ms. Scarafile asked all EC members to review a list of grants that was sent out via email last week and recommend some that we should apply for.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Bremer-Nei to adjourn. Mr. Robotin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elise Bremer-Nei, member