

# **CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**APRIL 25, 2014**

Chairperson Veselka called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:32 PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

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

## **MINUTES**

March 25, 2014

A motion was made by Ms. Scarafile seconded by Ms. Bremer-Nei to approve the March 25, 2014 meeting minutes. All were in favor with the exception of Mr. Braun and Mr. Spence who abstained. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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## **PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

None

## **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Spence informed the board that at the Planning Board Meeting the landscaping was discussed and the plantings cannot be more than 15 feet in height. They will have a buffer with burms and small shrubs. The tree plantings will be included with the Traditions application.

Mr. Braun had a concern with a property located on Old York Road near the Old York Country Club. There is heavy equipment and piles of stone, millings and lumber near a pond on this property. The concern is to make sure this person has a DEP Permit. The secretary was asked to look into this by speaking to Mr. McMahon the Township Zoning Officer.

Green Fair

Derek VanVeldenhuisen made 6 display boards. He will be covering them with homasote and they will be done by Friday. The boards are 24x24 in size. Ms. Scarafile will take 2 with her tonight and Martha will pick up the other 4 on Friday. Elise put together a poster contest with 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders; Mrs. Brilliant the school art teacher had the children do the posters in class. The rules for the poster were originality; creativity; use of color and bonus points for depiction of the natural environment of Chesterfield, the theme was nature all around. Elise purchased from 5 and below \$10.00

gift cards for the winner of each grade winner and \$25.00 for the grand prize winner overall. There were over 300 entries; Elise narrowed it down to the top five from each grade. The board members choose the winners and they will be announced during the Arbor Day Celebration. This year Brian Kuser from Kuser Farms will be giving the presentation, this year there will be 2 assemblies the first for kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and the second for 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Smokey the Bear will also be there again this year.

Martha suggested next year the kids come up with a logo for Environmental Commission and this could be done next spring.

The board talked about having the tree of the month once again. For the month of May the Dog Wood would be the tree of choice. At the Green Fair the Committee will pass out the flyers.

Martha and Regina attended Ewing Township Fair which was very good and they got the idea to make a flyer called “Chesterfield’s sustainable future, tell the green team what you think” This will be a great source to gauge what the community wants and we can ask residents to sign up if they are interested in helping us achieve our sustainable goal.

Nancy stated that she has taxidermy animals for display she also has a photographer coming to take pictures of the kids if they want. Nancy put ads/postcards around town and also will have them at the fair, residents can fill the back out with there info and one person will be drawn to win a red oak tree. The goal was to get 15 vendors and we have 14. Martha has 4 boxes which are covered and will fill them with different items for the kids to put their hands in and guess what’s inside. We will have 3 demonstrations, Jane will talk about tree care; Regina will talk about composting and Martha will talk about native habitat.

### Arbor Day

The secretary was asked to take pictures at the assembly. The board thanked Elise for doing a great job again this year.

### **NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Ms. Veselka stated that Mr. Hlubik told her that the Township will be spraying for bag worms in April. Ms. Veselka will be attending the Township meeting tomorrow to inquire on the amount that they have allocated for the maintenance of trees.

Ms. Veselka asked everyone to have a tree keeper report ready for next months meeting.

Ms. Veselka and Mr. Braun drafted a letter to the Township Committee supporting Derek VanVeldenhuisen’s Eagle Scout Project; Derek will verify the dates and the Secretary will give the letter to the Township Clerk.

Ms. Veselka stated the Mr. Hlubik informed her that the Township Committee is ok with the EC writing a letter to Hamilton Township to express our disapproval of having the lights on Sawmill Road.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Braun and seconded by Ms. Scarafile to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary