

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

Chairperson Veselka called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:35 PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

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

MINUTES

August 26, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Braun seconded by Ms. Scarafile to approve the August 26, 2014 meeting minutes. All were in favor with the exception of Mr. Hlubik who abstained, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION

NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference

Walt Idell will go on Friday and Jane Ryan will go on Saturday. We need 8 CU Credits. The board discussed that Walt would need to go all day to receive 4 credits and Jane would go all day to also receive 4 credits. Mr. Hlubik stated that he would attend if he is not away that weekend.

A motion was made by Mr. Hlubik second by Mr. Spence to approve the class be paid from the budget. All were in favor, motion carried.

Tree Keeper Report

Mr. Hlubik stated that the Park in front of the school is in much better shape this year. Ms. Veselka stated that she would write a thank you letter to Department of Public Works to be distributed to the Township Committee at their next meeting. In regard to the bag worms, Mr. Hlubik mentioned the issue to Ms. Hoyer and Mr. Lebak was going to keep an eye on them. Ms. Ryan suggested the board research the different species of trees that need to be replace due to the damage of the bag worms to eliminate planting the same tree that the worms are attracted to. The board will ask Public Works to make a schedule for next year as well. Ms. Ryan stated that the tree next to the tennis court still needs to be removed. The board discussed that in Charlotte Rogers Park a block of 30-40

evergreen trees were still infested with bag worms and that Mr. Lebak should be notified so the area can be treated with dormant oil early next spring.

Heritage day

Ms. Ryan spoke to Debbie Kelly, the chairperson of the Historical Committee and she was informed that with regrets from Ms. Kelly the only vendors and exhibitors that will be there will have information on Historical matters. In place of setting up a table at the Heritage day, Ms. Scarafile stated that the board could go to clean up day on October 26th to receive the stipend offered by the Clean Communities Organization. The start time is 9am but if another time works better that would not be a problem because each group will meet at their area. Ms. Scarafile suggested the board clean up in the area that the Township owns in Crosswicks. The board can clean up tires and etc and Public Works will come by and pick them up then the Clean Communities will pay for the disposal.

Sustainable Jersey

Regina stated that the action that Lori Thier was working on (diversity survey) was rejected by the Township Attorney due to the wording. Ms. Veselka asked that this be put on the agenda at the next Township meeting to find out how it should be worded. She would also like to know how we can make it usable and what the guidelines are. This is a very crucial part of the actions needed and it is time sensitive. Ms. Veselka will ask Roger Pew to see what his board did. Mr. Hlubik stated that he would discuss it with the attorney at the meeting. Ms. Scarafile and Ms. Hoyer have reached out to Bill Brash to get a final copy of the Community Forestry Plan and have not received it yet. Ms. Scarafile asked Mr. Hlubik to reach out to him.

Mr. Spence left the meeting at 8:23pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary