

# **CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

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

## **OATHS OF OFFICE**

Oath of Office was taken by Mr. Spence.

## **MINUTES**

January 28, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Hlubik seconded by Ms. Bremer-Nei to approve the January 28, 2014 meeting minutes. All were in favor with the exception of Mr. Braun, Ms. Ryan and Mr. Spence who abstained, motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Tree City USA Bulletin #11  
Burlington County Application for Burlington County Bridges F2.28  
NJ Shade Tree Federation CEU Opportunities  
Flood Hazard Area Permit Application

## **PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

None

## **DISCUSSION**

Green Fair

The Fair will take place on April 26, 2014 at the Bordentown Township Veterans Memorial/Joe Lawrence Recreation Park on Ward Avenue. A memo was sent out by Ms. Veselka with the details and help is still needed. Mr. Lamar Roberts attended the meeting. He will be helping out. Ms. Veselka went through the memo. She stated that Chesterfield EC will be responsible for aligning vendors and Ms. Scarafile is our lead contact. There will be a Bordentown EC display, Chesterfield EC display, Chesterfield Clean Communities display which Ms. Scarafile is in charge of, and Chesterfield PD with DARE display. Lectures and demonstration sessions will be every ½ hour. Bordentown Township will be responsible for the food. Chesterfield is responsible for four (4) lectures/demonstrations and Ms. Veselka is our lead. She has set up (1) Composting - Regina Colonna, (2) Tree Care, Mulching & Pruning - still need someone, (3) Recycling - still need someone, (4) National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat -Martha Veselka.

Chesterfields theme is "Nature-It is all around." We hope to have taxidermy stuffed animals and birds. Ms. Veselka will ask the high school wood shop if they would be able to donate plywood folding displays. Derek VanVeldenhuisen stated that he and the scouts could help with the display to identify birds. Ms. Ryan will complete the application for the NJ Tree Recovery Campaign; we will ask for 2,000 free seedlings to replace trees lost in Superstorm Sandy. Ms. Veselka stated that Mr. Roberts would be willing to give a lecture on the planting and maintenance of the seedlings. Maggie Brittain will contact the PTA for games we could use. Ms. Scarafile passed out a list of exhibitors. The board went through the list. Ms. Veselka will contact Fernbrook Farms and Farnsworth Gallery; Mr. Hlubik will contact Hlubik Farms and Katona Farms; Ms. Ryan will contact Chesterfield Floral Company; Ms. Bremer-Nei will contact Russo's Farm and Mr. Braun will contact Windy Farm Alpacas. Ms. Scarafile passed out an Exhibitor Application. Each vendor is responsible for providing their own table for displaying and selling their products. Ms. Bremer-Nei will look into a bike safety display. Ms. Scarafile sent an email to BJ's to see if they would like to donate a canopy. She is also applying for a grant to get a trailer which we will be able to store supplies in. Mr. Hlubik will inquire about getting a power tractor for display. Ms. Veselka stated that Chesterfield EC is responsible for half the advertising cost. Ms. Scarafile will make advertising cards. She stated that they will cost approximately \$75 for 500.

A motion was made by Mr. Hlubik second by Ms. Bremer-Nei to approve \$200.00 from the budget for promotional items. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Spence suggested contacted the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders to advertise the Green Fair. Ms. Bremer-Nei will contact Brian Wilson. Mr. Roberts stated he may be able to put it over the radio. The fliers will be distributed throughout Chesterfield. Mr. Spence will check with the high school to see if they would be willing to do the flyers and at what cost.

This discussion will continue at the next board meeting in March.

#### Chesterfield Kids for Community Spring Clean Up

Maggie Brittain is leaning towards planting. The kids are more likely to be involved if they can see the growth. She stated that she is already planning to clean up and plant at the Crosswicks Community Center and asked for ideas from the board on other locations. Mr. Braun suggested in front of the sign on the corner of Ward Avenue and Church Street, Mr. Hlubik suggested the library, Ms. Bremer-Nei suggested around the Municipal Building. Ms. Brittain stated they would start in Crosswicks. She would like to start the second week in May, she will keep us updated.

#### Annual Events

Arbor Day is the 23rd of April and Earth Day is the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Bremer-Nei will put together a walk to school day. It was suggested that instead of distributing seedlings at Arbor Day, we could put together a poster contest and for everyone that enters they can receive a seedling. The judging could be at the Green Fair and the winner could win a tree donated from the tree of the month. Ms. Bremer-Nei will talk to Larry Kuser and or John Benton regarding speaking to the kids at the assembly.

#### Eagle Scout Project

Derek stated that he met with Hamilton EC and they are enthusiastic and are willing to support him. He stated that he could have his Boy Scout Troop 55 help him with the clean up of trash. The board recommended that he get together with Mr. Braun and Mr. Spence to help point him in the right direction on who he should contact regarding permits. The board also informed him that the area could only be used for canoe entry and that no parking is allowed. If he needs anything large moved when cleaning up, he would have to write a letter to the Township Committee. He is looking at late March to start. He will begin from the Groveville side and work upward. Ms. Veselka stated she would write a memo to the Township Committee stating our support in the clearing of the creek. Regarding the trash removal, Ms. Scarafile will speak to the Church group that has volunteered to help her with Clean Communities.

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

Mr. Braun asked about the bag worm problem. Ms. Veselka asked the secretary to inquire with the Township Clerk to see if a maintenance plan was put into the budget. Mr. Hlubik stated that he would bring it up at the next Township meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Bremer-Nei and seconded by Mr. Spence to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary