

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

OCTOBER 28, 2014

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

MINUTES

September 23, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Hlubik seconded by Mr. Braun to approve the September 23, 2014 meeting minutes. All were in favor with the exception of Mr. Spence and Ms. Bremer-Nei who abstained, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

The board had a brief discussion regarding E & E Landscaping application. Mr. Hlubik stated that from what he knows the applicant has proposed different projects throughout the years. The current application is a use variance; they are proposing to have a CSA and to have private gathering events also to have access for visitors by appointment. A concern is the TDR credit associated with the property and whether the applicant will be able to keep it.

DISCUSSION

Tree Keeper Report

Letters were sent to the Township last month regarding the good work Public Works has done. The board discussed the application of dormant oil and that it is to late this year to be applied in fall. Ms. Scarafile should check in spring to see if it was applied in spring at Charlotte Rodgers Park. The Township had put in their budget additional monies for pesticides etc. It will be up to Public Works to spray for the bag worms, the board will keep Mr. Lebak updated on where it needs to be done.

Sustainable Jersey

Regina went through the list of all actions that have already been approved. There are: Hold a Green Fair-10 pts; Buy Fresh Buy Local Program-10 pts; Farmers Market-10 pts.; Safe Routes to School-10 pts.; Community Forestry Plan & Tree Cover Goal-20 pts.; Tree Planting Programs-10 pts.; Backyard Composting-5pts.; Grass: Cut it and leave it-

5pts. Innovated Communitites-10 pts. The Complete Streets Resolution was rejected, Elise will get a sample from another Town as a sample, once completed is 10pts. The list of actions being worked on is as follows: Nancy and Mike - Sustainable Land Use Plege-10pts. Lorrie - Diversity-10pts. Nancy - Anti-Idling-10 pts. Martha - Businesses-10 pts. Nancy - Resolution updating the Green Team-10 pts. Recycle Depot-10 pts. Mike will look into getting the tonnage reports from Public Works. Martha - Tree Maintainance-10 pts. Nancy – Environmental Commission-10 pts. Elise will work on the Bike Plan. This will have to be approved by the Planning Board through the Master Plan and then recommended for adoption to the Township Committee. In regard to the Hazard Tree Inventory, Jane and Karl will look into this.

Items not on the Agenda

Mike stated that the last batch of no net loss trees are going to be planted in the Spring on Hogback and near the Turnpike. Mike spoke to the Township Engineer and he seemed receptacle to coming to one of the EC meetings. Mike will reach out to him to see if he will attend.

Martha observed if the planting was going to go in front of the PSEG substation. Jerry stated that at the Planning Board meeting it was discussed and no plantings can go under the power lines. The boards concern is if some of the outside perimeter, not the power station property or under the power lines may be able to accommodate more trees from the next batch of turnpike trees. Gerry asked how the power station looked from the back, he stated that someone should report back on how it looks, and if the execution of site development match plan depending on stage of development another question the board had is if the power station redevelopment is complete and is there another stage?

The board asked the secretary to check to see if the EC could have a question and answer spot on the website. Mike suggested the secretary check with the Township Clerk to see if this can be done.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Braun and seconded by Ms. Bremer-Nei to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary