

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
January 23, 2024

The secretary called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 6:30PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present: Sarah Dyson; Rachel Dekovitch; Rebecca Hughes; Ryan Rathbun; Nancy Scarafile; Jane Ryan. Absent: Suruchi Batra.

OATHS

Rachel Dekovitch – 3 year term
Ryan Rathbun – 3 year term
Rebecca Hughes – 1 year term

MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for 2024 were approved for the fourth Tuesday of each month on a motion by Ms. Dyson second by Ms. Dekovitch. All were in favor, motion carried.

TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
NOTICE OF 2024 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The Environmental Commission will conduct its meetings exclusively by electronic means using GoToMeeting.com. Members of the public can attend at GoToMeeting.com by clicking on the “join” tab at the top and entering the Meeting ID number 883-565-349. Access through telephone is also available by dialing the telephone access number 1 (872) 240-3212 and entering the Meeting ID number when prompted. To ensure public participation, members of the public may make public comment through audio, or submit written public comment via email to aggie@chesterfieldtwp.com or in written letter form to the Chesterfield Township Municipal Building by no later than 2:00 p.m. the day of the published scheduled Committee meeting. Public comments submitted before the remote public meeting deadline will be read aloud during the remote public meeting.

The Environmental Commission of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that during the year 2024 the regular monthly meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise indicated, at the hour of 6:30 PM virtually through the GoToMeeting.com forum. The scheduled meeting dates for 2024 are:

Meeting Dates:	July 23, 2024
January 23, 2024	August 27, 2024
February 27, 2024	September 24, 2024
March 26, 2024	October 22, 2024
April 23, 2024	November 26, 2024
May 28, 2024	December 24, 2024
June 25, 2024	January 28, 2025

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR

The secretary asked for nominations for Chairperson. Ms. Dekovitch nominated Ms. Scarafile second by Ms. Ryan. All were in favor, motion carried.

NOMINIATINS FOR VICE-CHAIR

The secretary asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Ms. Dekovitch nominated Ms. Dyson second by Ms. Scarafile. All were in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES

November 28, 2023

A motion was made by Ms. Dyson second by Ms. Dekovitch to approve the November 28, 2023 meeting minutes. All were in favor with the exception of Ms. Hughes and Ms. Ryan who abstained, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION

Rigid Plastic

Ms. Scarafile stated that the event will be on April 28th which is the same day as the Green Fair. Ms. Dekovitch put a poster together she will add the location and making a note “no PVC allowed” also mentioning specific flower pots. Ms. Dekovitch will send to Ms. Scarafile to finalize. Ms. Scarafile asked for EC members to be a Rigid Plastic site.

Sustainable

All drafts need to be to Ms. Scarafile by February 15th. Once everything is calculated we will have 180 points. Ms. Hughes will look into community outreach actions, Ms. Dekovitch will work on grass cut and leave it. Ms. Ryan was in contact with Alex McCartney regarding the tree seedling distribution, she asked for an understudy to help this year for future years if she is not available. She would like to have the event on April 6th. The seedlings are picked up the day before and the day of the event is from 10-12pm at the Municipal Building parking lot. She asked for 250 however we never know how many we can get or what type of tree is available. Rachel and Nancy volunteered to help this year.

ERI

Ms. Scarafile stated that the last draft has been received. She is redoing the animal section to include bobcat scratches on a tree in town and a great blue herring nest is in the area as well. They are waiting on feedback from the Historic Society to complete the final section. Ms. Koetas-Dale will talk to them about that.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Ryan mentioned that one of the plants in the front of the Municipal Building blew down from the storm she emailed Fernbrook to get a replacement. Ms. Koetas-Dale will mention this to STAB. Ms. Ryan will send Ms. Koetas-Dale Tracy from Fernbrook email and Ms. Koetas-Dale will also talk to Troy from Public Works.

Ms. Koetas-Dale will ask Larry from Fernbrook if he would be interested in donating a tree to be planted for Arbor Day. Ms. Ryan suggested asking him if he would want to be a part of the planning of the tree.

Green Fair updated - Ms. Dekovitch stated that the Green Team are getting things together and reaching out to vendors. Ms. Scarafile asked if the EC would like to have a table and Ms. Dekovitch said she would be there. Ms. Scarafile would like to do a presentation of ERI at the table. Ms. Koetas-Dale suggested having pictures that have been sent to ERI.

The Pollinator Garden looks good as is. Ms. Ryan suggested asking Ms. Greenberg when a good date to cut it back. Ms. Scarafile suggested not mowing it and Ms. Ryan agreed as long as that's ok with Public Works.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Dekovitch second by Ms. Scarafile to open for public comment. All were in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Koetas-Dale is the liaison for STAB and now that she is no longer on the EC she asked if someone could take over and be the liaison. STAB meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. She will send an email to the board.

Hearing nothing further, a motion was made by Ms. Hughes second by Ms. Dekovitch to close public comment. All were in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Ms. Hughes second by Ms. Dekovitch to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary