

# CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**JANUARY 22, 2019**

The Secretary called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:00PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present Nancy Scarafile, Karl Braun, Jane Ryan, Rita Romeu, Sarah Dyson. Absent: F. Gerry Spence and Elise Bremer-Nei.

## **MEETING DATES**

The meeting dates for 2019 were approved for the fourth Tuesday of each month, on a motion by Mr. Braun second by Ms. Scarafile. All were in favor.

### TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

#### NOTICE OF 2019 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The following is a list of the regular meetings of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission for 2019. All such meetings are to be held the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of December no meeting scheduled. All meetings will be held a 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 295 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield, New Jersey.

February 26, 2019	August 27, 2019
March 26, 2019	September 24, 2019
April 23, 2019	October 22, 2019
May 28, 2019	November 26, 2019
June 25, 2019	No Meeting in December
July 23, 2019	January 28, 2020 (Reorganization)

Aggie Napoleon  
Environmental Commission Secretary

## **NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR**

The secretary asked for nominations for Chairperson. Ms. Romeu nominated Ms. Scarafile; Mr. Braun second the nomination. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. All were in favor.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR**

The Secretary asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Braun nominated Ms. Ryan; Ms. Romeu second the nomination. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. All were in favor.

## **MINUTES**

November 27, 2018

Mr. Ryan asked Trex be spelled correctly. Ms. Dyson asked that an h be added to her first name.

A motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Ms. Romeu to approve the November 27, 2018 meeting minutes with the corrections. All were in favor; motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

PSEG application for Flood Hazard Area – Just for the boards information.

## **PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

118BC – Major Subdivision. The board discussed the application and were unanimous that the whole plant list is not ok. The board suggested the secretary write a memo to the Planning Board letting them know that the application is insufficient and that they would like the applicant to work with the EC to come up with a planting plan. Also the house on the lot is historical and the EC would like the Planning Board to look into the preservation of the house and the belongings.

Lawrence Kuser – Use Variance, Minor Site Plan – Ms. Romeu expressed her concern that it might be an issue to allow the restaurant when the Township denied Magical Acres a similar situation. The board suggest the Planning Board ask for a waste water disposal plan.

## **DISCUSSION**

### Green Fair

The Green Fair will be on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The board decided to ask Bordentown if they might be interested in combining the Fair with the Chesterfield Harvest Day. Before that is done the EC will talk to the Township to see what they think of that. Ms. Romeu met with Bordentown's Mayor and Administrator and the talked about the possibility of combining with Bordentown City next year. Ms. Scarafile will let Rodger from Bordentown know that we can't have the Fair in Chesterfield because we don't have enough manpower, and that we are looking at different options.

### Arbor Day

This is usually celebrated at the Green Fair. The board tabled the discussion until the February meeting.

### Seedling Distribution

Ms. Ryan stated that we don't have date yet. If it is the same way as the past 4 years, Friday the April 12<sup>th</sup> will be the date to pick up from the County, and Saturday the April 13<sup>th</sup> would be the distribution date for the residents.

### Open Space Grant

Ms. Scarafile is currently working on this.

### Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Rider contacted Ms. Scarafile and brought a scout to talk about the number of trees that have been destroyed by the Beavers. The Scouts are looking into replacing the trees that have been lost. Ms. Scarafile will invite the Scout to our next meeting. Mr. Braun and Ms. Ryan will put together a list of trees the beavers don't like to eat for the next meeting.

### TreeKeepers Report

Ms. Scarafile stated that we should reassign areas for everyone to look into on a monthly basis. The board discussed this and decided that between the months of April through September a monthly report would be good but the other months would just be as necessary. Ms. Scarafile asked that it be put on record who was responsible to each area: Ms. Romeu – Along Rt 528 / Turnpike and also around the new Municipal Property; Ms. Dyson – Fenton Park; Ms. Scarafile – Charlotte Rodgers Park – Ms. Ryan – Old Municipal Property; Mr. Braun – Recklesstown Way Loop. Ms. Dyson suggested getting a list together of things to look for, Ms. Scarafile will send a list out.

### Bag Worms

Ms. Scarafile stated that the bushes in front of the school have worms. Ms. Thier's Brownie troop will be getting together and will be cutting them off.

### **NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The Trex Bench Location – It was suggested that the bench be placed at the old Municipal Site where the new playground is. The board discussed it, because there are already a couple of benches there, they would like the bench placed at Charlotte Rodgers because there isn't one there. Ms. Scarafile will look into doing the Trex Project again under the EC name. The last one was done under the Green Team.

Stream Training – Ms. Romeu asked what the next step was. Ms. Ryan stated that a repeat should be done at the same site in April. The Ambassador that came out to help should have the format regarding the procedures. The samples were put back in the stream system. Ms. Ryan and Ms. Scarafile make a path and marked it so that it will be more accessible next time.

Beaver Plan – Ms. Scarafile stated that in about 2 weeks all the information will be available to give the public education on the issue. Ben and Marissa did a good story on

the beaver management plan. Ms. Scarafile asked if the board if it would be ok to speak on their behalf to the press to the information out, all agreed.

Pipeline – Ms. Romeu stated that the Task Force needs to reconvene. The well water testing will be focused on next. She stated that digging has started in Plumsted Township.

Regarding the annual dues – Mr. Braun made a motion to approve the payment of the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation annual dues of \$145.00, Ms. Romeu second the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Scarafile made a motion to approve the payment of the ANJEC annual dues of \$350.00, Ms. Ryan second the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Scarafile will pass out a bill that will allow the Utility companies to take down any trees that belong to property owners if they feel they cause a hazard. Mr. Braun suggested a letter be sent to oppose the bill, Ms. Scarafile will send a letter.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Ms. Dyson to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary