

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Chairperson Scarafile called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order a 6:00PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present Nancy Scarafile, Karl Braun; Jane Ryan; F. Gerry Spence; Sarah Dyson (6:14); Rita Romeu

MINUTES

January 22, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Ms. Romeu to approve the January 22, 2019 meeting minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION

Beaver Tree Replacement/Troop 55 Involvement

Akil Patio along with Mr. Jack Ryder attended the meeting. They did an assessment of the trees that are damaged along Recklesstown Way. They collected the data and found that along Recklesstown/Saddle there are 23 street trees damaged and 6 to 8 trees already gone. Along Recklesstown/Saddle there are 31 street trees damaged and 14 to 15 are already gone. They would like to focus on the ones already gone and replace them. Mr. Patio asked the board if they could fund the trees. Ms. Romeu stated that the board had applied for a grant and she would check to see when the funds would be available. Mr. Braun and Ms. Ryan will work with him to pick a species. Mr. Ryder stated that Mr. Patio has a time line and they will work on replacing the ones that are missing first. Ms. Scarafile suggested working in one area, Mr. Ryder stated the work would begin in late April or early May. Ms. Romeu stated that Fernbrook gave a quote of \$331.00 for 26 15 gal trees for the grant. Another project that was suggested was to ask the residents to purchase a tree that is located on their property and the scouts could plant it.

Recycling

Mr. Sandesh Kamath attended the meeting. He met with the Township and they suggested he meet with us regarding a recycling awareness program. Mr. Kamath stated he has approx. 25 to 30 registers in his program. He is looking for projects for the kids to participate in. He took a tour of the Burlington County Recycling Center and found out a lot of information and how much is incorrectly recycled. A speaker from the Center has agreed to come to Chesterfield to inform the residents. The board suggested to have it

held at the school because they have a large auditorium with a screen. Mr. Kamath will take charge and come up with a flyer and registration form. The board asked him to attend the Green Fair, he said he had already signed up to have a table. Mr. Kamath stated his group make flyers to go door to door to pick up their electronics and he will take them to the Recycling Center.

Southern NJ Scrub

Dan Correa a Water Ambassador attended the meeting. He asked if the board if they would like to partnership with the Delaware Department of Environmental Protection. They are having a cleanup April 6th through April 14th. They have chosen the Delaware River. The board had a short discussion and thought we could join with Bordentown City and clean up around the boat dock. Ms. Scarafile will reach out to Bordentown City and Township. We could ask the Scouts to help as well. The board chose April 7th at 10:00. Mr. Correa stated that once the date and time are confirmed then we could register on line.

Ms. Romeu left the meeting at 6:51

Stream School

This is a free two day event regarding DEP Training, it teaches how to do stream assessments. Ms. Scarafile will send out the info, Walton State Forestry is Mary 11th and 12th, let her know if you're interested.

Biological Stream Testing

Mr. Scarafile and Mrs. Ryan did it but it was too cold. Sarah the Watershed Ambassador would like to do it again in the spring. This will be on the agenda for next month to discuss it further.

Sustainable

Sarah the Watershed Ambassador stated that she could help us with any projects we have. Mrs. Scarafile will send her the board members emails.

Green Fair

The Fair will be on April 27th. Nicole Bencivengo and Mr. Kamath will work on this.

Township Bikeway Status

Mr. Braun asked if the Planning Board had any anticipation on implementing signage for bike paths now that the development has grown. He would like to know if a phase 1 is being initiated this year. The secretary stated that nothing has been talked about thus far.

EAB Control Plan

Mr. Braun asked if anything is being done. Ms. Scarafile stated that it is out of control at this point.

NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Braun asked the secretary to look into a lot that has a lot of soil dumped and some junk car parts and truck parts on the property. The secretary will send a memo to the Township Zoning Officer.

Mr. Spence left the meeting at 7:09

Ms. Scarafile mentioned that the bill to give permission to all utilities companies without notice to the home owner to trim trees has been tabled due to the outpour of letters from residents expressing their concern.

Ms. Ryan informed the board that the seedlings for tree recover program was supposed to be placed in December however she reached out and was able to get the trees at a cost. She paid out of pocket \$67.00. A motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Mrs. Dyson to reimburse her. All were in favor, motion carried. Mrs. Ryan stated that she did get to choose the type of tree and the program will be on April 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Mr. Spence to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary