

## Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission

March 26, 2019

Chairperson Scarafile called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:01 pm. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present: Nancy Scarafile, Karl Braun, Gerry Spence, Jane Ryan, Rita Romeu, Nicole Bencivengo, Sarah Dyson

### Minutes:

A motion was made by Ms. Romeu, second by Mrs. Ryan to approve the February 26, 2019 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

### Correspondence:

None

### Planning Board Applications:

None

### Discussion:

#### **Compressor Station**

Ms. Romeu provided a status update regarding the air quality testing associated with the compressor station. The Air Quality testing has been completed, the associated Health Assessments were recently received by the minimum 40 participants. Ms. Romeu has been lead to expect the report from Eastern Pipeline in April. It is anticipated that the results will be shared at a township meeting.

In regards to the well testing, Ms. Romeu reported that it is moving forward. EnviroTrac, Ltd has been retained to complete the testing and is working with the township lawyers on an approved access letter.

In regards to the actual pipeline installation, Mr. Romeu reported that township and county is not approved permits until Transco resolves several issues. North Hanover Township, county Freeholder and Judge Bookbinder are working closely to address the ongoing issues.

Ms. Romeu left the meeting at 7:20

#### **Beaver Tree Replacement/Troop 55 Involvement**

Mr. Jack Ryder attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Eagle Scout project and replacement of Beaver Damaged Trees along Recklesstown Way. Mr. Ryder and Akil Patio had visited Fernbrook Farms to assess available inventory and pricing for replacing the damaged trees. Mr. Ryder requested a list of approved species to replace the lost trees. Discussion ensued and it was determined by Mr. Braun and Mrs. Ryan that the trees should be comprised of 7- Red Maples, 7 Chestnut Oaks, 7 Sycamores and 4

white swamp oaks. The trees are proposed to be purchase by the township and Mr. Ryder will coordinate with the township to receive the required Purchase Order.

### **Other Possible Eagle Scout Projects**

Mr. Ryder indicated that there are other Eagle Scouts looking for projects in the area and is looking for ideas. Mr. Spence and Mr. Ryder discussed the possibility of a Crosswicks Creek Cleanup project. Based on previous cleanup efforts the major difficulties would be access and safety. It was recommended that Mr. Ryder contact the Crosswicks Library for additional projects.

### **Green Fair:**

The Green Fair is scheduled for April 27 in Bordentown from 11-3. Ms. Scarafile requested someone take coordinate a table. Mr. Braun offered to assist. No determination was made on a table and Mr. Romeu will be contacted and asked to coordinate the efforts.

### **Tree Keepers Report:**

Charlotte Rogers Park shows evidence of Bagworms and will need to be treated.

### **Zoning Officer Response:**

Information had not been received regarding the lot with signs of dumping. Discussion will be curtailed until the April meeting.

### **Township Bikeway Status:**

No discussion was held and a status update will be held during the April meeting.

### **Beaver Management Plan:**

The management plan has been completed and provided to the Environmental Commission for Review. Ms. Dyson and Ms. Bencivengo indicated that they had not received the plan for review. Ms. Ryan and Mr. Braun indicated that the plan appeared very thorough and recommended no changes.

### **Trex Recycling Program:**

The Environmental Commission is participating in the Trex Recycling program in an effort to obtain a park bench. Ms. Dyson indicated that 3 collection boxes had been received from Trex, one has been set up at the Crosswicks Library and one at the Municipal Building. Discussion was held on the location for the third box. Mrs. Ryan indicated that a high volume was collected at FernBrook Farms last time around and it was decided that she would drop the third box off at Fernbrook, will Ms. Dyson will contact them and accept a previous offer to host the box. It was decided that Ms. Scarafile and Ms. Dyson would monitor the box at the Library with Mrs. Ryan monitoring the box at Fernbrook Farms and that Ms. Romeu would be asked to monitor the box at the township. Quantities will be reported to Ms. Dyson via email, who will report monthly volumes to Trex. To date a total of 19 lbs. had been collected and dropped off.

Ms. Scarafile reported that the bench awarded to the Green team during the last collection cycle had been received and installed by the play ground at the old municipal building.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Scarafile, second by Ms Bencivengo to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57.