

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

September 24, 2019

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

Present Nancy Scarafile, Karl Braun; Jane Ryan; Sarah Dyson (7:11); Nicole Bencivengo and Rita Romeu. Absent: F. Gerry Spence.

MINUTES

August 27, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Ms. Scarafile to approve the August 27, 2019 meeting minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Arbor Day September/October

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

Regarding the No Net Loss Program. At the September Planning Board meeting, Ms. Specca, Township Planner advised the board that having an ordinance for the No Net Loss Program would not be cost efficient to the Township due to the where the trees would be planted/ the cost of the maintenance and also the cost to replace any damaged trees. The board agreed.

Mr. Braun suggested the Township consider having an ordinance just in case there is viable trees removed and the Township should have the right to ask the applicant to replace them. Without an ordinance the applicant could challenge the Boards condition of approval. Ms. Bencivengo suggested having a tree bank whereas the trees could be owed by an applicant and used by the Township when necessary to replace a tree.

DISCUSSION

Wildlife Presentation

The education program will be held at the Crosswicks Library on October 3rd by Ms. Bencivengo. The topic will be educate the residents on Rabies. Ms. Scarafile will have snacks and water, Ms. Koetas-Dale will make a few appetizers.

Ms. Bencivengo is looking for a skunk and a possum to have to also have education programs. She has contacted the wildlife fish and game, Ms. Scarafile suggested doing a promotion of some sort to raise money to purchase them. The board agreed to further discuss this.

Beaver Activity & Response

Ms. Romeu, Ms. Ryan and Ms. Scarafile painted, wired wrapped and also left some trees alone. They are monitoring to see which option is better. The painted tree had a little nibble out so Ms. Scarafile till check back each week to check. Mr. Braun said that he believes the noise from the air rater scares them away. Ms. Scarafile saw a large pile of

dirt behind the school in the wetlands approx. 20 feet from the stream. Ms. Romeu will have someone look at that.

Trex

Ms. Dyson said that we made our quota and then some. The bench was delivered to the Township. Ms. Napoleon will ask Public Works to put in at Charlotte Rodgers Park. Ms. Scarafile suggested putting a plaque on it, she will get price quote.

Plastic Bag Ordinance

Ms. Romeu said that she has had many talks with the Township Committee and she has convinced them. She is waiting for Parker-McCay to take the ordinance she gave them and customize it for Chesterfield. She is shooting for the October 10th Township Meeting. The Township Committee stated that no one should be grandfathered in.

Stream Monitoring

We have a new Water Ambassador, Samantha Pfeffer. She will be training the board. The little invertabras are active the end of October, beginning of November. Ms. Scarafile will check with Samantha to see what day the week of October 21st works for her.

Sustainable

Everything was turned in so now we are just waiting for the approval. Everyone did a great job. !!!!!

Lantern Fly Issue

There is already a flyer up on the website and Ms. Romeu said there is a flyer in the General Store. Mr. Braun said that the flies are leaving a sticky sap on the trees and they are not just attacking trees they are attacking everything. It was suggested that the flyer be put up on the social media again. Ms. Napoleon will ask to have it put on Next Door and also the Township Facebook page.

NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Romeu and Ms. Dyson will be doing the ground water testing in coordination with the Pipeline Task Force. The testing will be done at Sucker Run by the end of October. Ms. Romeu said that she had put money in the budget which hasn't been used yet.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Ms. Scarafile to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary