

# **CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**October 27, 2020**

Chairperson Romeu 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 (7:16); Nicole Bencivengo; Sara Dyson: Rita Romeu, Jane Ryan; F. Gerry Spence; Denise Koetas Dale, Township Liaison, Tom Sahol, Township Administrator.

## **MINUTES**

September 22, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Dyson to approve the September 22, 2020 meeting minutes. All were in favor, motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Chesterfield Historic Society

Mr. Braun suggested that a Phase 1 to start. Request an Archeological Impact Statement be done if it comes before the Planning Board. It was mentioned that the property could be of Native American Land.

## **PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

None

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Progress report on beaver plan**

Ms. Scarafile stated all the trees have been wrapped, there are bigger ones still remaining which could be painted. There is no evidence that the trees are being damaged. The area near Peddler pond were bad 2 months ago and now nothing, its believed they have moved up to Crosswicks Creek.

### **Spotted lantern fly**

Ms. Romeu stated that last week there was a joint zoom with the Professionals from Rutgers who gave an update. Eugene Fuzzy is editing the tape for us to be able to put it on our website. Rutgers gave us a list of pesticides to give out to the residents to educate them. Ms. Scarafile sent a link to be put on the website.

### **Update on Algae**

Mr. Braun believes the treatment is working, however the water is soupy. It's stabilized but not fixed. He believes that fertilizer and geese need to be focused on. The pumps are in working order however Public Works is working on getting upgraded ones. The board

talked about putting the fertilizer information in the reusable bags. Ms. Romeu would like to get a flyer on the website and social media as well.

### Geese monitoring

Mr. Braun and Ms. Scarafile have been checking the ponds in the mornings and evenings to see the number of geese. The numbers have inflated due to the migration period there are approx. 60-75 geese passing through. Each goose drops approx. 2-3 pounds of waste per day which contributes to the algae. Managing the edges of the ponds, low level fences and vegetation will keep them off the ponds. Mr. Braun suggested putting a low level fence around the pond on Recklesstown/Bullock which is the most populated. Waiting till right before spring when they will return. Mr. Braun will get a quote for stakes and fence. Mr. Braun suggested also using ribbon, Mr. Sahol suggested using holographic ribbon. Mr. Sahol would like to go out next time with Mr. Braun and Ms. Scarafile. Ms. Romeu will write something up to go to the Township Committee.

### Green Team reusable shopping bags

Smera and Ashlyn Sethi are the Co-Chairs for the anti-litter campaign. They thanked the board for the \$250.00 donation for the reusable bags. They are putting together a contest for the residents and the prize is a car magnet. They have a budget of \$590.00, \$250.00 is going towards the bags and \$430.00 for the anti-litter campaign. They need \$860.00 for 1,000 magnets. They asked the board if they could donate \$300.00 towards their budget. The board suggested talking to Dave Potts the graphic designer at NBC for some help.

A motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Ms. Romeu to donate \$300.00 towards the magnets. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Eagle Scout Project

Andrew Sinay tree planting proposal has been submitted to the general counsel and he is waiting for a response. He is on the timeline he wanted. The board talked about a few ideas for future projects

### Tree conference update

Ms. Romeu received CORE certification, Ms. Ryan went to a lot of the sessions and several were very inspiring. She received 12 CEU's for the Township

### Tree Keeper Report

Mr. Braun said he didn't see any evidence of spotted lantern fly on Recklesstown Way. The trees on Recklesstown, Collington and Poplar have some damaged trees by beaver and need to be replaced. Mr. Sahol stated that a list of trees to be removed will be put together soon.

### Pipeline Update/Pipeline Task Force

Ms. Romeu stated there was nothing new to report. The pipeline task force met and went over the water sampling from Blacks Creek which came back normal. They will discuss with the Township Committee to see if the testing can be done again before winter. There should be baselines for every season.

## Budget

The board discussed the 2021 budget.

## **NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Shade Tree Commission – This will be an advisory board to start. The ordinance is being introduced for public comment. If anyone has comments, send them to Ms. Romeu and she will put them together to give to Ms. Sahol for the Township Committee, Ms. Koetas Dale asked to be cc'd on the comments.

Recycling Center – Mr. Sahol stated that the textile sheds are coming soon. Getting metals and electronics out of the whether and into a shed. Looking into locating a box so plastic bags can be collected.

## **INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Romeu opened the meeting for public, Mr. Spence moved to open for public comment Ms. Romeu second.

Ms. Belinda Blazic- 228 Bordentown Chesterfield Rd. In regard to Old York CC she doesn't understand the property owner should have an archeologic dig done. The property has been disturbed a couple of times from golf course to horse farm back to golf course. Mr. Braun stated that because it is a known site the developer should bring an expert to do a phase one analysis to see if likely hood exists. Ms. Dyson stated that it would be a document search and site visit component to determine if anything should be done.

A motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Mr. Braun to closed public comment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Dyson to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary