

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MAY 26, 2020

Chairperson Romeu called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order a 7:07PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present Nancy Scarafile, Nicole Bencivengo; Sarah Dyson; Rita Romeu, Jane Ryan; F. Gerry Spence; Denise Koetas Dale, Township Liaison. Absent: Karl Braun

MINUTES

April 21, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Scarafile to approve the April 21, 2020 meeting minutes. All were in favor with the exception of Ms. Bencivengo and Ms. Ryan who abstained; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Arbor Day – Ms. Scarafile, Ms. Romeu and Ms. Koetas-Dale did not receive the flyer. The secretary will email it to them.

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION

Algae in the basins

Ms. Scarafile sent a memo to the Township Committee however it was not received in time for their meeting. They will talk about it at the next meeting which Ms. Romeu and Ms. Scarafile will attend. Ms. Romeu biked around and the ponds look 80% clear if not they are better. The pond on Recklesstown at the end of Berryland doesn't look good. Mr. Liedtka stated the aerator in the middle had a slice in the cord and the one on the edge needs to be pushed out which will take care of that end. Ms. Romeu stated that the aerators are working now. Ms. Scarafile stated that the pond on Recklesstown Way has some algae on the bank but fairly clear.

New Tree

The oak tree was planted, Ms. Romeu stated that everyone is taking turns watering it, she would like to thank DPW for planting it. Mr. Liedtka will ask DPW to put a watering bag on it, Ms. Ryan will put mulch around it.

Follow up on wetlands in Old York Village

Ms. Romeu drafted a memo for everyone to look over. She is looking to add a good map so that the Committee can identify the area she is referring to. She will send the memo to the Township Committee.

Education Session

Ms. Bencivengo asked if we could use the gotomeeting to have an education session. She will make a power point to show the residents. The secretary will check with Ms. Hoyer to see if that can be set up. Ms. Bencivengo will put something together to share with the board and will come up with a date.

NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Dyson to open the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Liedtka, 103 Old York Road. He asked the board if anyone would be interested in leading a project for a pollinator garden at the Municipal Building. Ms. Ryan said she would be interested, Mr. Liedtka asked her to put together a list of plants, no location is picked out however it will need irrigation so the spot shouldn't be too far from the building. Mr. Ryan said the best time to start would be early fall, late September would be best. Ms. Romeu and Ms. Koetas-Dale also volunteered to help out.

Ms. Ryan asked Mr. Liedtka about the berm around the Police Department. He said that Chief Wilson wanted a little security and also to block light pollution to the neighbors house. Ms. Ryan asked what the final look would be, he stated that there would be some sort of shrubs planted on top and mulched for easy maintenance. Ms. Ryans concern is what will happen after a heavy rain fall. Mr. Liedtka stated he would make it a 3 to 1 grade, the drainage will go between the two berms. She was also concerned about the impact on the roots that were run over while building the berms. Mr. Liedtka suggested using an aerator to help and the gypsum get into the ground which will be more effective.

Hearing no further public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Dyson to close the public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Ms. Dyson second by Mr. Spence to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary