

# **CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**July 28, 2020**

Chairperson Romeu called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order a 7:04PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present Nancy Scarafile, Nicole Bencivengo (7:17); Sara Dyson: Rita Romeu, F. Gerry Spence; Denise Koetas Dale, Township Liaison. Absent: Karl Braun and Jane Ryan

## **MINUTES**

June 23, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Scarafile to approve the June 23, 2020 meeting minutes. All were in favor with the exception of Ms. Dyson who abstained; motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

None

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Eagle Scout Project**

Andrew Sinay stated that he would like to go to Harness Way and replace trees that have been damaged by beaver. He is looking to replace approximately 20-25, 2 in caliber trees he is unsure of the species at this time. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that the Township is still working on getting the ordinance together and she suggested that Andrew either come to the next Township meeting or write a memo to let them know what his plan is. Elise Bremer-Nei is also looking into the beaver damaged trees. She did a google earth search and so far out of 160 trees 20 are dead or missing. She will be working with Andrew. Ms. Romeu stated that there is money in the budget to help purchase the trees. Andrew stated that he is looking at late August early September to plant, Ms. Scarafile suggested September because fall is the best time to plant. Andrew said that he needs our approval then the Township's approval and then to the Boy Scouts.

### **Pipeline Update**

Ms. Romeu stated that there is still a stop work order from DEP for the permits regarding the horizontal directional drilling. They will be talking about options at the County meetings.

### Water Testing Results

Ms. Romeu stated that two areas of Blacks Creek have been tested, the results were sent to us last week. Ms. Dyson stated that nothing peaked her interest. The summary that was submitted indicated that what was found is typical to a farming area. The person that conducted the test is willing to do a conference call with the EC to go over the results. Ms. Romeu will set something up. The results were sent to the Township Committee, Ms. Koetas-Dale will have it on the next agenda.

### Algae in the Ponds

Some aerators are broken, Ms. Koetas-Dales said the DPW is on it. And that the Black Lagoon Company have been treating the ponds. Ms. Romeu said that they ones treated look good however the one by Collington looks really bad. The Township is looking into purchasing more heavy duty aerators.

### Shade Tree Commission

Ms. Koetas-Dale put together a proposal for a Shade Tree Commission and she feels that it would be beneficial to the Township if there was a group of volunteers that met on a regular basis that would report back to the Environmental Commission. Ms. Bremer-Nei would be a great asset and she accepted. Ms. Romeu suggested getting some younger volunteers to join to help educate them. If anyone has any feedback give it to Ms. Koetas-Dale and she will present it to the committee.

### Beaver Tree Inventory

Ms. Scarafile is putting together a plan, the proposal is to do the wire wrap. Some of them have already been done by the SEWA group. Mayor Liedtka would like the board to use the paint as well which is cheaper and it works. Ms. Scarafile stated that the plan includes paint, near the stream is the wire and further out the paint is used. Ms. Romeu will add a few things and then the secretary can forward the memo to the Township Committee. Ms. Koetas-Dale asked Andrew if he could ask the Scouts if they would like to help wrap.

### Tree Keepers

Ms. Scarafile stated that the trees in Charlotte Rogers Park need to be sprayed for bag worms. She also received an email from a resident regarding the tree that fell in Margerum Park which could be a liability to the Township.

### **NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

### **INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Scarafile to open the meeting for public comment. All were in favor, motion carried.

Belinda Blazic 228 Bordentown Chesterfield Rd. She asked about the trees that are in between the sidewalk and road way, are they the responsibility of the homeowner or the

Township. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that the issue is that whether or not the tress can be replaced once they are removed and by whom. The cost of removing the trees is on the homeowner. The Township is looking into this ordinance and working out the issues

Hearing no further public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Scarafile to close public comment. All were in favor, motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Scarafile to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary