

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Chairperson Romeu called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order a 7:05PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

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

MINUTES

January 28, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Ms. Scarafile to approve the January 28, 2020 meeting minutes. All were in favor with the exception of Ms. Dyson who abstained; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION

Pipeline

Work has started on Provinceline Road in North Hanover. When it starts in Chesterfield they will be on Rt 528 which is a County Road. The County is still holding the road permits. The work should start in a few months. Ms. Romeu stating that the baseline testing is done. The reports need to be kept for future references, Ms. Romeu asked for suggestions. Right now the Township Clerk, The Township Administrator, Ms. Romeu and Mr. Flaherty have copies.

Treekeepers

Ms. Scarafile said there are bag worms at Charlotte Rogers Park that need to be sprayed. Ms. Koetas-Dale will send a recommendation to the Township. Ms. Dyson walked her area but is waiting for better weather. Ms. Ryan said the walking track around the old municipal building needs to be cleaned up between the debris dump area and the bridge. Ms. Koetas-Dale said that the Township will be doing a lot of cleaning up around that area when the weather breaks. Ms. Ryan suggested having a clean-up day after the Green Fair. The board will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Natural Resource Inventory

The subcommittee met and Ms. Ryan contacted the firm that did the last updated and she was sent a copy of the final draft. The secretary will make copies for the board members. Mr. Braun contacted DVRC regarding obtaining a grant but hasn't heard back. He will let Ms. Romeu know when he hears something.

Sustainable

The new criteria hasn't come out yet. Ms. Scarafile will put together a spreadsheet of what we have accomplished and what is still needed. She said there are a few items that don't have expiration dates that we should work on getting. Those points roll over from year to year. Mr. Braun asked if there would be a need for charging stations in Chesterfield. The thought would be to ask Wawa if it's something that they might want to include with the new renovation.

Wetlands area where we walked

Mr. Scarafile and Ms. Romeu walked around Recklesstown and Harness Way circle looking for beaver damage and looking at the buffer for the flood hazard areas around the stream. There should be more no mow areas. Ms. Koetas-Dale recommended Ms. Romeu write a letter to the Township with the concern. Ms. Dyson will get a copy of the DEP Statue along with the map of the area which should not be mowed.

Environmental Fun Day

The Green Team has come up with a lot of great ideas. The students will put together a flyer and they will advertise. Ms. Ryan stated that the recovery program missed an email which had the cutoff date of January 15th. We cannot get the free seedlings this year, however last year she received a discount and is waiting to hear back to see if she can get one this year. The board discussed purchasing 200 and putting a limit of 2 trees per person. By purchasing them Ms. Ryan can choose the species and also the date for pick up. The board agreed to go with Native species and Ms. Ryan can choose what kind. A motion was made by Ms. Romeu second by Ms. Dyson to approve the purchase of 200 seedlings. All were in favor, motion carried.

To celebrate 20 years in Tree City USA the board would like to plant a tree. Mr. Braun will ask Fernbrook for a donation of preferably a White Oak or a Red Oak would be fine. We will have to ask the Township Administrator where on the Township property is could be planted. Ms. Scarafile asked for monies to purchase peed pots and marigolds. A motion was made by Ms. Dyson second by Ms. Scarafile to allow up to \$50.00 for items. All were in favor, motion carried.

98th Annual Shade Tree Federation Conference

Ms. Ryan would like to attend. She is waiting for the agenda to see which day she would prefer to go. Everything is online so as it gets closer the secretary will send out the information.

Pond Aerators

Ms. Koetas-Dale suggested getting education information together to pass out to the residents at the Fun Day. The board discuss the issue with the algae and suggested the Township put the aerators back in earlier due to the mild winter. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that they are working on fixing all of them as well. The board decided to have an education program on what to use and how to fertilizer their lawns for the residents sometime in May, Ms. Scarafile and Ms. Romeu will do some research and discuss it further at the next meeting

NOT ON THE AGENDA

The secretary asked the members to send in any pictures they may have on any events that have taken place so the picture can go on our website. Right now we have none.

Sewadiwali group and the United Nation of America will be making reusable bags which will cost approx. \$5,000.00. For a \$250.00 donation they will put your name on the side. They are asking all local businesses. A motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Ms. Romeu to donate \$250.00 on behalf of the EC. It was decided to ask them to use the same logo that is on our EC shirts.

Sewadiwali group ask for a donation to put signs up for Fund Day. The board decided that signs won't be necessary.

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 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary