

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

JANUARY 28, 2020

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

Present Nancy Scarafile, Karl Braun, Jane Ryan, Rita Romeu, F. Gerry Spence, Nicole Bencivengo. Absent: Sarah Dyson. Ms. Koetas-Dale, Liaison for the Township Committee

MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for 2020 were approved for the fourth Tuesday of each month, on a motion by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Scarafile. All were in favor.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

NOTICE OF 2020 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The following is a list of the regular meetings of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission for 2020. All such meetings are to be held the fourth Tuesday of each month. All meetings will be held a 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 295 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield, New Jersey.

February 24, 2020	August 25, 2020
March 24, 2020	September 22, 2020
April 28, 2020	October 27, 2020
May 26, 2020	November 24, 2020
June 23, 2020	December 22, 2020
July 28, 2020	January 26, 2021 (Reorganization)

Aggie Napoleon
Environmental Commission Secretary

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR

The secretary asked for nominations for Chairperson. Ms. Scarafile nominated Ms. Romeu; Ms. Ryan second the nomination. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. All were in favor.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR

The Secretary asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Romeu nominated Ms. Scarafile; Mr. Spence second the nomination. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. All were in favor.

MINUTES

September 24, 2019

Ms. Ryan asked that addition comment be added. Under Items not on the agenda that “ground water testing in coordination with Pipeline Task Force will be done at Sucker Run” be added.

A motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Ms. Scarafile to approve the September 24, 2019 meeting minutes with the corrections. All were in favor; motion carried.

Ms. Koetas-Dale left the meeting at 7:30

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you note. The secretary read a thank you note from Kim and Bill Lucas regarding the Trex Bench and memorial tree in honor of their son Devon Lukas.

Multi-Permit Application Notice. Mr. Braun asked if someone could reach out and ask for a copy of the application which is stated in the notice that it was attached. Ms. Romeu will reach out to the Firm that sent the notice.

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

No Application were submitted. The December approved minutes were distributed to the board members.

DISCUSSION

Annual Events Planned

Ms. Romeu was approach as asked if Chesterfield would like to join with Bordentown City and Bordentown Township in June for their Green Fair.

The board discussed hosting their own Green Fair which could include a recycling education event; seedling distribution; celebrate Arbor Day; celebrate Tree City (20 years for Chesterfield) along with Earth Day. The event could be held on April 18th. This would all fall under Green Fair and will give the EC Sustainable points. Ms. Scarafile believes the event would be successful to hold everything on the same day. Ms. Scarafile will look for handouts for the event and will get events together for next meeting.

Natural Resource Inventory

A subcommittee of Karl, Rita, Jane, Nancy and Denise got together to update the Natural Resource Inventory. Ms. Ryan located a draft that was done in June of 2006. The board

asked the secretary to look into minutes to see if a final was ever done. Ms. Ryan will contact the company that completed the draft to see if they completed a final.

Tree Keepers Report

Parks and open spaces were assigned to the board members:

Ms. Bencivengo – Along Sucker Run (compressor station and Liedtka property)

Mr. Spence - Rt 545 near the creek area

Ms. Dyson – Fenton Lane Park

Mr. Braun – Recklesstown Way loop (conservation area)

Ms. Scarafile – Charlotte Rodgers Park / Margerum Road Park

Ms. Ryan - Old Municipal Building

Ms. Romeu– Tnpg & Rt 528 (Bordentown-Crosswicks side) and new Municipal Building

Ms. Ryan reported that around the old municipal building there is mulberry and honeysuckle growing under every evergreen tree. At the end of March early April the EC should get together to clean the area up.

Ms. Scarafile reported that there are bag worms at Charlotte Rodgers Park. The secretary will let Ms. Koetas-Dale know so that she can inform the Township about spraying before June.

Wildlife Education

Ms. Bencivengo was unable to get a possum that she was waiting for but hopes to find possibly and ground hog or skunk that she could use. The board suggested that the education program be held here at the Municipal Building at the beginning of Spring. Ms. Bencivengo will have a date by next meeting. Ms. Scarafile will help publicize the event once a date is established. Ms. Bencivengo said she would be able to get a rat snake for March.

Sustainable Jersey Sign

Ms. Scarafile said that she saw one in another Township and would like to see one in Chesterfield. She will get prices for signs. The board talked about putting the sign in the same post as the Tree City sign.

NOT ON THE AGENDA

Regarding the annual dues – Mr. Braun made a motion to approve the payment of the Arbor Day annual dues of \$15.00, Ms. Ryan second the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Braun made a motion to approve the payment of the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation annual dues of \$145.00, Ms. Scarafile second the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Spence made a motion to approve the payment of the ANJEC annual dues of \$375.00, Ms. Ryan second the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

The Township Committee would like the comments of the EC in regard to the issue with the algae in the retention ponds. The board recommends the Township Committee use

natural resources as opposed to herbicides. By using herbicides it causes danger to animals that go near the pond and also children that play in the area of the ponds. The board would recommend using algae eating fish.

Mr. Braun would like something to be done regarding the recycling area at the old municipal building. The oil drums are full, and maybe there should be two recycling bins. Ms. Romeu will speak to the Administrator with the concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Scarafilo to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary