

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 23, 2021

Ms. Scarafile, Madam Chair called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:01PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present Nancy Scarafile, Karl Braun, Rita Romeu, F. Gerry Spence; Jane Ryan and Ms. Koetas-Dale. Absent: Sarah Dyson

MINUTES

October 27, 2021

A motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Romeu to approve the October 27, 2021 meeting minutes. All were in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Arbor Day Bulletin

Tree City USA Bulletin

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

No Application were submitted.

DISCUSSION

Treekeepers

Ms. Romeu stated that her area near the Turnpike looks good, there are a couple of trees that need to be removed however they belong to the turnpike. She didn't see any spotted lantern flies.

Mr. Spence stated that his area on 545 he doesn't want to park there so he needs to set a walking day.

Ms. Scarafile stated in her area the Township has marked the dead trees to be removed with orange tape.

Beaver Wire

The wire is tight around the trees near Harness Way. Ms. Scarafile has a roll of wire left so if anyone is interested in re-wiring the trees let her know. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that there hasn't been any reports of seeing them from the residents.

Meadow (ideas for next year)

Mr. Braun suggested trying near the wet basin for example near Rosewood Drive. Mr. Koetas-Dale stated that its private property there. Charlotte Rodgers Park has a basin that can be seen from the Road and walking trail. Mr. Braun will take a look and get a plan.

Ms. Scarafile left the meeting at 7:11

Pipeline Update

Ms. Romeu stated that the Task Force has a concern that the original Document regarding the Compressor Station was approved by FERC and its believed that it states that NJNG has to get gas from the Penn East Pipeline under a contract, however now that there is no Penn East legally can they get their gas from other resources. Mr. Gillespie is looking

into this and Ms. Romeu has reached out to the Pineland Preservation Alliance to see if they have any information. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that Mr. Gillespie gave an answer however it is confidential to the Township Committee. At the next meeting they will vote on whether they can give the Task Force an answer. The Task Force met with Transco Williams, owner and operator of the Compressor Station. They made a website for Chesterfield which the link is on the Township website. They will update the data quarterly regarding the blowdowns. They have agreed to report the data aggregated. Assemblyman Dancer has introduced a bill for the State that any gas company will report data by entity not state wide.

Shade Tree Update

Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that they will be doing a memorial tree at Fenton Lane Park

Training

The board talked about CEU's and with Mr. Sahol attending the Shade Tree Federation Conference and Ms. Dyson and Ms. Scarafile taking on line classes the board will have met the required amount of CEU's.

Sustainable Signage

Mr. Braun stated that in Ms. Scarafile's email it stated that Fast Signs gave a quote for signs. Ms. Romeu said that her email stated that the sustainable signs could go on the Tree City post to promote our certification, the estimate was \$10 per sign 6x10 inch signs.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The board had a brief discussion regarding the budge and it was suggested to hold a separate meeting to discuss it further due to Ms. Scarafile having to leave the meeting.

Ms. Koetas-Dale said that the Green Team will be having a Green Fair on April 24th, 2022 from 11-3 at the Municipal Building. If Ms. Ryan has the tree seedlings at that time maybe she could do little presentation with handouts. Ms. Ryan stated that the State usually has the seedlings around that date. Ms. Koetas-Dale said that the Green Team will be doing a keep me green street adoption program. The residents can adopt a street and keep it litter free. Also the 2nd composting seminar will be in March, the first one was sold out, there was a limit of 40 people so some were put on the schedule for March. It was very successful.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public in attendance

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Romeu to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary