

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

JANUARY 25, 2022

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 Scarafilo, Karl Braun, Jane Ryan, Roseann Greenberg, F. Gerry Spence, Sarah Dyson, Ms. Koetas-Dale.

OATHS

Roseann Greenberg – 3 year-term
Denise Koetas-Dale – 1 year-term
Sarah Dyson – 3 year-term
Jane Ryan – 3 year-term

MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for 2022 were approved for the fourth Tuesday of each month, on a motion by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Koetas-Dale. All were in favor, motion carried.

NOTICE OF 2022 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The Environmental Commission will conduct its meetings exclusively by electronic means using GoToMeeting.com. Members of the public can attend at GoToMeeting.com by clicking on the “join” tab at the top and entering the Meeting ID number 883-565-349. Access through telephone is also available by dialing the telephone access number 1 (872) 240-3212 and entering the Meeting ID number when prompted. To ensure public participation, members of the public may make public comment through audio, or submit written public comment via email to aggie@chesterfieldtwp.com or in written letter form to the Chesterfield Township Municipal Building by no later than 2:00 p.m. the day of the published scheduled Committee meeting. Public comments submitted before the remote public meeting deadline will be read aloud during the remote public meeting.

The Environmental Commission of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that during the year 2022 the regular monthly meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of November which will be the fifth Tuesday unless otherwise indicated, at the hour of 7:00 PM virtually through the GoToMeeting.com forum. The scheduled meeting dates for 2022 are:

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| Meeting Dates: | July 26, 2022 |
| January 25, 2022 | August 23, 2022 |
| February 22, 2022 | September 27, 2022 |
| March 22, 2022 | October 25, 2022 |
| April 26, 2022 | November 29, 2022 |
| May 24, 2022 | December 27, 2022 |
| June 28, 2022 | January 24, 2023 |

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR

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

MINUTES

November 23, 2021

A motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Koetas-Dale to approve the November 23, 2021 meeting minutes. All were in favor with the exception of Ms. Scarafile and Ms. Greenberg who abstained; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Arbor Day Flyer

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

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

DISCUSSION

Sustainable

Ms. Scarafile informed the board that there is a \$2,000 grant that can be applied for regarding pollinator gardens or any other project, if anyone is interested in doing that. The deadline is February 11, 2022

Tree Board Update

Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that the board did not meet in December. They are still working on the Cherry Tree Garden and they will be meeting next week. Mr. Braun stated that he circulated a sketch to the members regarding the area of corner of Margerum and the park. He would need to talk to Troy to work out the logistics for the grant. Ms. Scarafile stated that she would get the approval from the Township. Ms. Koetas-Dale will speak to Mr. Sahol to see if the whole Committee would need to approve. Ms. Scarafile will fill out the application once she gets the ok from Troy and the Township.

Sustainable

Ms. Scarafile talked about the signs. They cost \$10.00 each, Ms. Koetas-Dale will ask Mr. Sahol where should be placed and also to find out how many would be needed.

Ms. Scarafile and Ms. Greenberg walked the stream and there was not activity. Ms. Scarafile stated that wire still needs to be put up on Recklesstown Way and some trees need the wire replaced. Ms. Ryan and Ms. Greenberg stated they would be willing to remove and replace the wire.

Green Fun Fair

Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that there are a long list of vendors. A tree will be planted that day for Arbor Day. They are still coming up with more activities. Ms. Ryan stated she got info regarding the seed swap, the issue is the fair is in a couple of months and you should harvest seeds to save in the fall to be planted in the spring. For the fair this year is really should be a seed distribution and discuss with the public to possibly have a swap in the fall for example Harvest Fest. Ms. Greenberg has started the process to get a Purchase Order to order seed for the fair, Ms. Ryan suggested putting a note on the packet letting the residents know about the swap in the fall. Ms. Greenberg also suggested to not only swap seed but also swapping plants, Ms. Koetas-Dale will present the idea at the Fun Fair planning meeting. Mr. Braun stated that Pinelands Nursery also has packets of extra seeds, he will call them to see if we can get some donated.

Girdled trees

Ms. Scarafile asked everyone to keep an eye on them to see if they still have life in them.

Pipeline Update

Ms. Dyson stated there is nothing yet, she will reach to Ms. Romeu to get a status update as to where everything was left off. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated there is a meeting schedule with Trans Co. in late February early March.

ANJEC Dues

A motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Mr. Spence to pay \$375.00 for the ANJEC Dues. All were in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Koetas-Dale left the meeting at 7:28

NRI

Ms. Scarafile has contacted companies to get proposals, one company proposed to renew the NRI we already have for \$10,000 however the old NRI is not usable. She has received two which she has forwarded to everyone and there is one more she is still going to reach out to.

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 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary