

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
JUNE 28, 2022

The Secretary called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 6:33PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present Nancy Scarafile, Roseann Greenberg, Sarah Dyson F. Gerry Spence; Denise Koetas Absent: Karl Braun and Jane Ryan

MINUTES

May 24, 2022

Ms. Greenburg asked that a correction to the last paragraph of page 1 be changed from saying seeds to plants. A motion was made by Ms. Dyson second by Ms. Greenberg to approve the May 24, 2022 meeting minutes with correction. All were in favor; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from David Atkinson. Ms. Scarafile read the letter to the board. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that Active Acquisitions have submitted an application regarding Freshwater Wetlands. Ms. Koetas-Dale asked if one of the board members would review the application with her so she has a better understanding. Ms. Dyson volunteered Mr. Braun because he is more informed. Ms. Koetas-Dale will reach out to him.

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

No Application were submitted.

DISCUSSION

Hedgerow Update

Ms. Greenburg stated that she is applying for a grant. The rule is that the Municipality has to have a Shade Tree Board and it has to go through them. Mr. Sahol is going to do the office work and she will be the project manager. She met with Mr. Kuser and Mr. Ulshafer to look over the site, there is a dead tree that will be taken out and 3 walnut trees which are in bad shape will also be removed. Mr. Kuser came up with 25 trees in total to plant which are favorable to pollinators. She will get more information at the next Shade Tree Advisory meeting. The grant is due by 5:00pm on July 8th. The Township will put up 25% of the grant as in-kind, which will can be made up in labor and office work; Mr. Kuser would like to contract the labor work out. For members of the Green Team, Environmental Commission and Shade Tree that want to volunteer will need to submit their names and resume's for the grant. She is looking into applying for a Sustainable grant for the shrubs and for the herbaceous part she is looking into Xerces, they have a habitat kit which is geared for the Northeast. They have monarch butterflies and pollinators, they team up with Pinelands Nursery.

Ms. Scarafile stated that Sustainable grants open in November and we have 2 now. They will have to be closed before we can apply for more.

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Ms. Scarafile stated that we are waiting for the Township to send the Purchase Order to be sent back so that a start date can set.

Rigid Plastic

October 8, 2022 is another collection for plastics. They should be dropped off at the recycle center in the Public Works area. Mr. Scarafile stated that there is a 4 hour window that it will be collected and we will need volunteers.

Spotted Lantern Fly

Ms. Koetas-Dale would like to have an education program for the residents to make them aware of what can be used and not damage the plants. Ms. Greenburg mentioned that Ocean County Extension did a program and it was recorded we could give the residents the link to watch. Ms. Koetas-Dale suggested we do our own, Ms. Scarafile stated she has a video that she will send regarding safe products to use. Ms. Dyson suggested having a hands on demo using safe products. It was suggested to shoot for July 22nd around 6-6:30 and Mr. Softee will be around, Ms. Koetas-Dale stated she would put together a flyer. Ms. Scarafile suggested getting a list of materials and what the cost is to do 5 trees.

It was suggested to get a flyer for the Train the Trainer workshop and a Rigid Plastics flyer together to pass out at the Harvest Fest.

Compressor Pipeline Task Force Update

Ms. Dyson stated that they had a meeting and went over the goals. They are setting up a meeting with Trans Co Williams and the Compressor Station to see what the volume is that is going through the pipe line. Mr. Sahol is getting the dates. The other goal is to get a comprehensive document made with all the data collected so far.

Shade Tree Advisory Board Update

Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that they are getting 3-5 trees for the memorial garden. They have a scout coming to the meeting to talk about doing a walk to identify trees as his Eagle Scout Project. She will talk to the board about having an educational program at the Harvest Fest.

Harvest Fest

Ms. Scarafile suggested that the Environmental Commission have a table next to the Shade Tree Board so the tables will always be covered. It was suggested to have a contest for the kids. Ms. Scarafile asked the board to come up with some ideas.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Greenberg talked about a community garden. She is researching what the Township would need to provide and what the residents that want a plot what their responsibilities would be. She would like to put something out at the Harvest Fest to see if anyone would be interested.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Greenburg to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary