

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**November 29, 2022**

Chair Woman Scarafile called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 6:35PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present Nancy Scarafile, Roseann Greenberg, Karl Braun (6:50), Jane Ryan, Denise Koetas-Dale; Sarah Dyson. Absent: F. Gerry Spence.

**MINUTES**

October 25, 2022

Ms. Greenberg asked that the minutes be amended, under Community Garden the letter is titled “What to do with your yard waste”. Ms. Scarafile stated that Ms. Greenberg’s name is misspelled a couple of times. Ms. Ryan stated that under Rigid Plastic the wording should be changed to “June 3<sup>rd</sup> and again in fall” as the dates for twice a year.

A motion was made by Ms. Greenberg second by Ms. Scarafile to approve the October 25, 2022 meeting minutes with the corrections. All were in favor; motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

New Jersey Conservation Foundation Letter  
PSE&G Extension of Statewide Freshwater Wetlands General Permits letter

**PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

None

**TASK FORCE**

No update

**DISCUSSION**

**STAB**

Ms. Koetas-Dale and Mr. Sahol met with Matt from BSA Troop 112. Matt has completed the Recklesstown Natural Walk Trail and Mr. Sahol was going to put it on the website. Mr. Sahol also put a link on the website for STAB. Ms. Greenberg stated that 2/10/23 is the deadline to submit for Sustainable Jersey Grant. There is an information webinar on 12/8/22 regarding grants. Mr. Kuser said he would donate the bushes for the hedgerow but we need to have volunteers plant them. Mr. Kuser also asked that this be done during the Green Fair so that the public sees what is being done. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that the date that was decided for the planting will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> but not necessarily will that be the date of the Green Fair. Ms. Koetas-Dale spoke to SEWA and they will do the planting. In regard to the \$2,000 sustainable grant that we will be applying for in 2023 was suggested that it be given to Public Works for part of the windbreak at the volley ball court. In regard to the tree inventory Ms. Greenberg stated that the STAB will be taking care of looking into that.

### Pollinator Signs

Ms. Scarafile will be using Fast Signs located in Millstone, however the cost is more than anticipated. The signs will be aluminum 12x18 in size, once we have received the quote and a purchase order cut, we will get a proof to look over. She asked the board for a motion to approve \$200.00 for the cost. Mr. Braun second by Ms. Scarafile agreed to allocate and not to exceed \$200.00 to cover the cost of the signs. All were in favor, motion carried.

### WAWA

Ms. Koetas-Dale talked to Mr. Sahol and he then talked to Mr. Hirsh. Mr. Hirsh sent a list to WAWA last week. At this point WAWA will have to wait till spring to see what plants need to be replaced. Mr. Braun stated that the basins are not draining correctly and the force of water is lifting the grate right out of the frame. He believes the County should get involved. Ms. Koetas-Dale suggested the EC write a letter.

### Community Gardens

Ms. Greenberg put together a guideline packet which was distributed to the board. The first step is to have the EC approve it and then ask Caryn to put it on the Township Committee agenda for approval. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that Mr. Sahol isn't in favor of the locations discussed. The board had a short discussion and it was decided that Ms. Koetas-Dale will put it on the Township agenda as a discussion as the idea and once the location is decided it can be on the Township agenda for approval. Ms. Koetas-Dale asked the secretary to give the report to Mr. Sahol and she will talk to him. Ms. Greenberg is ok with whatever location Mr. Sahol and Mr. Ulshafer come up with.

### ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Scarafile mentioned that the geese are scarce. There are some on the Harness Way Pond and some on the Beaver pond on Recklesstown Way but they are only passing by. The goose management plan is working.

In regard to ERI, Mr. Braun took a tour with DVRPC they wanted to get a better idea of the community and see some of the issues. They are going to put together a draft of their findings and should submit it in March. The EC will review the draft and then have a public information session. Ms. Greenberg suggested adding a list of winners from Chesterfield Township of the Burlington County Farm Stewardship award, she will asked Brian Wilson for a list of winners. Mr. Braun suggested asking Brian Wilson to attend a meeting and giving us some knowledge about the award.

Mr. Braun talked about the replacement bridge on Sykesville Road by Stelle Road. There was a fish ladder built into the side of the wall of the bridge. No one has maintained it and he suggested the EC take a look to make sure it's clear of debris. The County will clean it up if need be. Ms. Scarafile will look before the next meeting.

Green Team – The Township sent out an email and has only received a couple of applications. A few members of the EC will sit down and figure out a way to advertise.

### **INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Greenberg second by Mr. Braun to open for public comment. All were in favor, motion carried.

Hearing none a motion was made by Mr. Braun second by Ms. Scarafile to close public comment. All were in favor, motion carried.

The sketch Ms. Greenberg drew of an EC Logo was passed around to the board. Mr. Braun would like to see if it can be cleaned up. The board agreed.

### **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 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary