

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AUGUST 30, 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; Karl Braun (6:53)

MINUTES

June 28, 2022

Ms. Scarafile stated that there were a couple of spelling errors; A motion was made by Ms. Greenberg second by Ms. Koetas-Dale to approve the June 28, 2022 meeting minutes with the corrections. All were in favor; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Lorrie Thier. Information only

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

Fellowship Capital City d/b/a Fellowship Crosspoint. Ms. Ryan looked at the plans and visited the site. The right side of new construction will be on the property line. There is a grove of evergreens on the opposite side, she would like to make a note that there be adequate protection for the adjacent trees that may be impacted by the construction. She suggested coming up with a policy regarding protecting trees when there is new construction.

DISCUSSION

Rigid Plastic

Ms. Scarafile stated that the collection of plastic will take place on October 8th and a flyer will go out with the tax bills in two weeks.

ERI

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. Ms. Dyson suggested having this on an annual basis.

Hedgerow Update

Ms. Greenberg stated that she was unable to apply for the grant due to not being able to locate a Shade Tree Inventory. Larry Kuser will donate what is needed at the end of the season. At the next Shade Tree Advisory meeting Troy, Larry and Roseann will come up

with a plan to proceed. All the plants they use will be beneficial for pollinators. She will apply in the spring to get 1200 plants thru Pinelands Nursery.

Shade Tree Advisory Board Update

Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that as Ms. Greenberg stated they will be working on the hedgerow plan. She also stated that they are working with an Eagle Scout on his project to replenish the trees on Recklesstown Way. They are doing a walk to identify trees he will do fundraising for his project. The memorial garden is going slowly the board will promote it again in the fall and they are looking into more ways to advertise. They will have a table at the Harvest Fest. Ms. Greenberg stated she would be there and will ask to have an EC table next to the Shade Tree table this way she would be able to be at both.

Harvest Fest

Ms. Scarafile suggested the EC purchase flyers regarding the volcanoes killing trees in NJ from the State. At the County Fair Ms. Greenberg picked up flyers and literature from the NRCS and she stated she would ask them if they could provide flyers and literature to us for the Harvest Fest.

Ms. Greenberg stated regarding the community garden she will need to find out how many residents would be interested. She would like to stake out an area at the Harvest Fest to show the residents some different sized and what it they would cost, once she has an idea she could present that to the Township Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Dyson second by Ms. Greenberg to allocate \$100 from the community outreach budget to purchase the flyers for the Harvest Fest. All were in favor, motion carried.

EC Logo

This is tabled till next month

ERI (EC Responsibility)

Mr. Braun stated that the kick off meeting with DVRCP went well. It was pointed out that the Township is unique with the having the TDR program and that can illuminate some research due to the limited threat. They talked a little about habitat issues and water quality in the new village. Mr. Owens seemed to be a good showman for the EC. We do need to publish this to meet our grant requirements. The board had a short discussion on the wording for the publication. The Public Service and Sustainable Jersey logos will be put at the bottom. The notice will be sent to Burlington County Times as an article not a notice and be put on Nextdoor and the website. It was suggest that we should find someone from the newspaper to write up the article.

Mr. Braun, Mr. Spence and Ms. Ryan will work on the historic structures and getting some information from the Historic Society. Brian Wilson from the County may have some knowledge

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Dyson stated that Chesterfield has double the amount of big trees and on her property she has the largest red dawn sequoia and it's the third largest in the State.

Mr. Braun wrote a memo to the Planning Board and Engineer regarding the replanting and dead trees and shrubs at the Wawa location. He stated in the memo that an improved plan should be followed, the board had a short discussion on ideas.

The Township received \$2,000 grant from Sustainable for a composting workshop. The second work shop is planned for September 17th and must have a minimum of 10 people. The deadline for the September 17th work shop will be September 7th. If there isn't residents registered to hold the work shop the EC will have to think of a different way to use the grant monies.

Ms. Greenberg sent solutions regarding grass clipping dumping to the board members through email.

Wild Flower Garden – Ms. Greenberg stated that its best to mow late February or late March, fall and winter are the best time for germination. It was suggested to write an article and put it on the website to not mow. Ms. Koetas-Dale will create a board with pictures and explanations of the meadow for the Harvest Fest.

If you see water bags for the trees at the municipal building and there is no water feel free to fill them. There is a device to turn on the water hose at the front desk.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Lorie Thier – 40 Foulkes Lane. She appreciates all the hard work the EC does. She is concerned regarding the Green Team discussion that took place at the Township Committee meeting last week. It was stated that the Green Team is miss representing themselves. She stated that when she joined the Green Team when it was first was established she didn't fill out a volunteer form or get assigned by the Township. At the Township meeting they were told that they are not Green Team members. She asked the board to make sure they know what their roles are before taking on anymore responsibilities. She's concerned that there may not be many current volunteers of the Green Team filling out the volunteer form due to the possibility of being sued by the Township for miss representing themselves.

Hearing no further comment a motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Greenberg to close public comment. All were in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Mr. Spence second by Ms. Koetas-Dale to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary