

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
January 24, 2023

The secretary called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 6:30PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present: Suruchi Batra (6:34); Belinda Blazic; Sarah Dyson; Roseann Greenberg; Jane Ryan (6:34); Nancy Scarafile; Liaison-Denise Koetas-Dale (6:34); Absent: Karl Braun.

OATHS

Suruchi Batra – 3 year term
Nancy Scarafile – 3 year term
Belinda Blazic – 2 year term

MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for 2023 were approved for the fourth Tuesday of each month on a motion by Ms. Scarafile second by Ms. Dyson. All were in favor, motion carried.

TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
NOTICE OF 2023 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The Environmental Commission will conduct its meetings in person and by 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 2023 the regular monthly meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise indicated, at the hour of 6:30 PM virtually through the GoToMeeting.com forum. The scheduled meeting dates for 2023 are:

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| Meeting Dates: | July 25, 2023 |
| January 24, 2023 | August 22, 2023 |
| February 28, 2023 | September 26, 2023 |
| March 28, 2023 | October 24, 2023 |
| April 25, 2023 | November 28, 2023 |
| May 23, 2023 | December 26, 2023 |
| June 27, 2023 | January 23, 2024 |

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR

The secretary asked for nominations for Chairperson. Ms. Dyson nominated Ms. Scarafile second by Ms. Blazic. All were in favor, motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIR

The secretary asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Ms. Dyson nominated Ms. Ryan second by Ms. Scarafile. All were in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES

November 29, 2022

Ms. Greenberg asked that the minutes be amended, under STAB grants should be changed to Sustainable Jersey Grant. Also in replace of we have the grant it should state Sustainable Jersey Grant that we will be applying for in 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Greenberg second by Ms. Scarafile to approve the November 29, 2022 meeting minutes with the corrections. All were in favor with the exception of Ms. Blazic who abstained, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Freshwater Wetlands Permit Application Notice to Neighboring Landowners by Active Acquisitions OY, LLC.

Ms. Scarafile stated that this is just for our information

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

Active Acquisitions Application – Mr. Braun wrote a memo to the Planning Board regarding the completeness review.

DISCUSSION

Charlotte Rogers Park

Ms. Scarafile stated that were 2 trees were removed and a forsythia bush there are 2 beds that are filled with invasive plants. Ms. Ryan stated that the invasive plants are intertwined with desirable plants and it will take time to clean the beds out. Ms. Ryan suggested going in with a team to clean up and also asking public works to have mulch put down. Ms. Greenberg suggested using newspaper and cardboard as a barrier. Ms. Scarafile will ask the Scouts for help. A date will later be determined.

STAB

Ms. Greenberg informed the board that they are working on the Sustainable Jersey Grant which will be used to purchase the windbreak for the volleyball court. The grant is due by February 10th. The Shade Tree Ordinance was geared towards the development and we are beyond that so, they will be working with the Township Planner Leah Furey Bruder to update the ordinance. In regard to the tree inventory grant, the board will be reaching out to other Townships to see what type of program they use. Regarding the pollinator garden, Mr. Kuser will donate the bushes and shrubs however he asked that a

youth organization do the planting. He would like this to be done the same day as the Green Fun Fair with is April 23rd.

Green Fair

Until a Green Team is established the Environmental Commission will take the lead. Ms. Scarafile asked for volunteers to chair the event. Ms. Greenberg and Ms. Batra will co-chair the event. Ms. Scarafile stated the request for Green Team volunteers has been sent, however to date only one response was received. The Green Fair will be held the same day as Earth Day which is April 23rd.

ANJEC Membership Dues

The membership dues for 2023 is \$400.00. A motion was made by Ms. Scarafile second by Ms. Greenberg. All were in favor, motion carried.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Scarafile informed the board the Crosswicks Library is having a plastic collection for the Trex Program. There have containers in the lobby of the Municipal Building and also at the Library. There is a 6 month window or 500 lbs. whichever comes first.

The annual trash pickup for the Clean Communities will be on April 30th. Ms. Scarafile asked for volunteers from the board to pick up that day on behalf of the Green Team. Ms. Greenberg stated that she and her neighbors will be doing it on behalf of the Shade Tree Advisory Board.

The pollinator signs are up, one at the Municipal Building garden and one at Charlotte Rodgers Park garden.

Ms. Greenberg turned everything in regarding the Community Garden and has not yet heard back.

Ms. Greenberg stated that she and 3 other farms have been awarded the Burlington County Farm Stewardship Award which is an honor. She wrote a note that she asked be given to DVRPC for the ERI to be published.

Ms. Ryan asked if the trees that were removed at Charlotte Rodgers Park can be replaced. Ms. Scarafile will talk to Mr. Ulshafer.

Regarding the EC Logo, Ms. Greenberg spoke to Susan Rogozinski, Graphic Designer from Rowan, Burlington County. She gave a quote of \$60 an hour however she felt that it may only take a half hour. Ms. Greenberg second by Ms. Scarafile made a motion to go forward with Ms. Rogozniski to professionally design the logo. All were in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Batra asked if the Green Team will have a Facebook page to advertise for members. Ms. Koetas-Dale suggested just having it advertised through the Township Facebook page.

Regarding the Sustainable Jersey, the current award expires 2024. Ms. Scarafile stated that we can do actions now and can submit in June for next year. The silver award is complex, Ms. Koetas-Dale said that the Township has been raised from Tier B to Tier A in respect of Stormwater Management which they will be Resolutions and Ordinances. She isn't sure if the EC can get the points for that, but worth looking into. Ms. Greenberg is attending a class and after 5 classes she will certified as a champion. With that if the

board wants to do any Stormwater Management projects she will have Rutgers on her side.

Regarding Jerry Spence and his long time dedication to the Township the board talked about adding a sign with his name on the existing sign at the at the Municipal pollinator garden. The board decided to the sign should say Spence's Acres and would like to have it done by the Green Fair. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that a Proclamation for Mr. Spence will be done at the Township Committee meeting on February 9th and she asked that a few board members attend.

Ms. Greenberg suggested that the EC Annual Report be read aloud at the Township meeting. This way the public will know what the EC does. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated she would put it on the agenda.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Lori Thier – 40 Foulkes Lane. She publishes on line resource for Chesterfield so if we have any flyers or anything that we want to get out, she will put promote them on the issue and also on the Chesterfield spotlight Facebook page and other Facebook pages she has. In regard to Jerry Spence's sign she suggested Spence's Meadows might be a good name. In regard to the Green Team advertising, there was an issue with things not being on the Facebook page in a timely manner and not being left on there long enough. She suggested creating a separate events page to make it easier to follow for events.

Hearing nothing further, a motion was made by Ms. Greenberg second by Ms. Scarafile to close public comment. All were in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Ms. Dyson second by Ms. Ryan to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary