

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**MARCH 28, 2023**

Chair Scarafile called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 6:36PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present Sarah Dyson, Rachel Dekovitch, Rosanne Greenberg, Nancy Scarafile, Jane Ryan and Suruchi Batra. Absent: Shreekant Dhopte

**MINUTES**

February 28., 2023

A motion was made by Ms. Greenberg second by Ms. Scarafile to approve the February 28, 2023 meeting minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

The Active Acquisitions review letter was sent to the Planning Board

**DISCUSSION**

TreeKeepers

Ms. Scarafile suggested that areas be assigned due to the change in members.

Ms. Scarafile – Charlotte Rogers Park

Ms. Ryan – Old Municipal Building

Ms. Greenberg – New Municipal Building

Ms. Dyson – Beaver Pond, Reckless town Way Area near the circle

Ms. Koetas-Dale – Fenton Lane Park

Ms. Batra – Colemantown Drive and wooded wet land, retention basin

Ms. Dekovitch – Old York Village

Mr. Dhopte – Old York Village

Ms. Dyson suggested getting a list of areas and compare that to a list from STAB so that we aren't doing the same areas. This list can be updated yearly to meet the needs of the Township. The board agreed that the Old York Village should have 3 members monitoring the area. Ms. Dyson will get a map and take a look at the Old York Village to see what areas need to be monitored. Ms. Dyson will put a map together for next meeting.

EC Volunteers

Ms. Scarafile asked the members to keep track of their volunteer time while doing projects so that when the Tree City USA Recertification application is completed these numbers will be available.

### Pollination Meadows

Ms. Scarafile stated that Mr. Spence's sign was put up and can be seen from the road. Ms. Greenberg picked up all the trash and weed wacked the meadows but she pointed out that the square meadow has a lot of grass and not many perennials. Ms. Ryan stated that the meadow was planted with an annual mix. After a discussion it was decided to ask Public Works to mow it down once Ms. Greenberg walks through it and picks out the Praying Mantis pods and Ms. Scarafile will remove the bird house and move it to Mr. Spence's Meadow.

### Charlotte Rogers Park Clean Up

Ms. Ryan stated that several of the beds were already clean when she and the Scouts got there however they moved to the beds that were in need and they made a serious dent. They will need at least 2 more visits there to complete the project.

### Meeting of the Creeks

The meeting will take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> virtually and in person. Ms. Greenberg has already registered and Ms. Koetas-Dale plans on registering. Ms. Batra will look into it.

### Green Team Fun Fair

Ms. Batra stated that they will be having a poster contest for the kids. This has been posted on all social media platforms. The goal is to get kids involved and teach them about environmental sustainability. Ms. Koetas-Dale will be reaching out to local businesses to ask for donations for awards for the contest.

Ms. Greenberg stated that she has received a lot of handouts and literature to be given out for the kids to teach them how water shed works. A person from Burlington County Recycling will be there to give a workshop presentation.

### ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Dyson asked about having the plant swap that was talked about previously. Mr. Ryan stated that she has a table for Marigold planting so she could oversee the swapping of plants. Ms. Dyson said that she has pots that she can donate. Ms. Dyson will put a poster together and circulating to let residents know that if they bring something they can take something.

Ms. Ryan stated that April 15<sup>th</sup> she is doing the seedling distribution of the trees that are donated from the State Forestry Nursery.

Ms. Dyson asked if the board could do something similar for Mr. Braun as we did for Mr. Spence, Ms. Scarafile spoke to Wendy about getting another sign to put at Charlotte Rogers Park. Ms. Koetas-Dale suggested having a small gathering at the park to present the sign to Mr. Braun and he can then put the sign up. Ms. Scarafile requested the sign be green to which the board agreed.

A motion was made by Ms. Koetas Dale second by Ms. Ryan to allow \$50 from the budget to cover the cost of the sign. All were in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Scarafile informed the board that the trees will be replanted at the Wawa location in April, the contractor is on track with this.

Regarding ERI, Miles is being replaced and therefore our project will not be completed by Chris as previously thought. Ms. Scarafile is not sure when this will be happening but she will be emailing them daily to stay on top of it. Ms. Koetas-Dale will check with Mr. Sahol so see what the deadline is.

A motion was made by Ms. Ryan second by Ms. Greenberg to open for public comment. All were in favor, motion carried. Hearing none, public comment was closed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion was made by Ms. Greenberg second by Ms. Scarafile to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aggie Napoleon, Secretary