

# **CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

## **JULY 25,2023**

Chair Scarafile called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 6:31PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Present Sarah Dyson (6:35), Rachel Dekovitch, Roseann Greenberg, Nancy Scarafile, Shreekant Dhopte, Denise Koetas-Dale, Liaison, Jane Ryan. Absent: Suruchi Batra.

### **MINUTES**

June 27, 2023

A motion was made by Ms. Greenberg second by Mr. Dhopte to approve the June 27, 2023 meeting minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

July 18, 2023

A motion was made by Mr. Dhopte second by Ms. Dekovitch to approve the July 18, 2023 meeting minutes. All were in favor; motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Dhopte asked if the Planning Board got the letter that the EC sent to the DEP about Active Acquisitions, OY, LLC application for Freshwater Wetland Permit. Ms. Koetas-Dale replied that the letter was just approved to be sent on the same night as the Planning Board meeting. And, the letter about Double O Properties planting list was discussed. Also discussed was Active Acquisitions, OY, LLC native plant list. Ms. Scarafile commented that we should promote Dark Sky lighting.

### **DISCUSSION**

ERI

Ms. Scarafile commented that the draft of the first few chapters of the ERI is lacking in substance, does not cover enough and some of the info is incorrect. She does not like the color blue cover page with a cropped picture of the township building. Ms. Dyson commented that an intern wrote the chapters with Chris Linn supervising. The reason that DVRPC was picked to do our ERI is because they have done good work for the township before, did excellent work on Bordentown's and Robbinsville's ERI and has a

state grant to help fund the cost of this project. Ms. Koetas-Dale commented that we may need an extension on our Sustainable Jersey grant. The ERI is an important planning document used by the Township Committee and the Planning Board to make future decisions. Ms. Scarafile stated that DVRPC informed her that they will be sending more chapters for our review and wants to schedule a tour of the township, just like the one that was done back in October of 2022. Ms. Scarafile, as Chair of the EC, and Ms. Koetas-Dale, as Mayor, will draft a email to DVRPC asking them to stop work on the remaining chapters until the beginning ones that we have received are corrected. We are dissatisfied with the draft as it contains incorrect information, poor sentence structure and grammar, and is not comprehensive. Finalize these chapters before proceeding.

#### Andrew Rochester's appointment to the Pipeline Task Force.

Ms. Scarafile stated that the School Board requested that Andrew Rochester, a member of the School Board, be added to the Pipeline Task Force.

#### Harvest Fest

Ms. Scarafile asked if any members can man the EC table at the Harvest Fest. She can set it up but can't man it. Ms. Greenberg showed a pamphlet by Burlington County called "Prevent Stormwater Pollution" that would be good to give out to our residents. Will get some printed up.

#### Sustainable Jersey

The members looked over Sustainable Jersey's list of actions. To become Silver Sustainable Jersey Certified our township has to complete and document actions that equal 350 points. The completed actions must be submitted by June of 2024.

### **ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Dyson second by Mr. Dhopte to open for public comment. All were in favor, motion carried. Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Dhopte second by Ms. Dyson to close public comment. All were in favor, motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion made by Mr. Dhopte second by Ms. Dekovitch to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roseann Greenberg, Secretary Pro Tem