

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

JANUARY 26, 2010

The Secretary called the reorganization meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:35PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Roll Call was taken showing present John Benton, Elise Bremer-Nei, Michael Hlubik, Charles Jones, Jane Ryan and F. Gerry Spence. Absent: Karl Braun

OATHS OF OFFICE

Oath of Office was taken by Mr. Hlubik and Mr. Benton.

MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for 2010 were approved for the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the December meeting, which will be held on the third Tuesday on a motion by Mr. Spence, seconded by Mr. Hlubik. All were in favor.

All meetings will be held a 7:30PM at the Municipal Building, 300 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield, New Jersey.

February 23, 2010	August 24, 2010
March 23, 2010	September 28, 2010
April 27, 2010	October 26, 2010
May 25, 2010	November 23, 2010
June 22, 2010	December 21, 2010
July 27, 2010	January 25, 2011 (Reorganization)

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR

The Secretary asked for nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Hlubik nominated Mr. Benton. Mr. Jones seconded the nomination. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. All were in favor.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR

Mr. Benton asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Spence nominated Mr. Hlubik. Ms. Bremer-Nei seconded the nomination. As there were no further nominations, nominations were closed. All were in favor.

MINUTES

November 24, 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Hlubik, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2009 Environmental Commission Meeting. The vote was in the affirmative, with the exception of Mr. Jones who abstained, and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

January 7, 2010 Letter from the New Jersey Forestry Service Regarding Submission of Annual Accomplishment Report.

Ms. Wills advised the Environmental Commission that the Annual Accomplishment Report has been completed and submitted to the Forestry Service.

January 10, 2010 Letter and Informational Material

Ms. Ryan and Mr. Spence requested a copy of the "Protecting Our Streams" Pamphlet.

DISCUSSION

Arbor Day

Chairman Benton spoke on the Tree Seedling Catalog 2010, provided by the New Jersey Forest Service. He noted that the state will have "Trail Exploration Day" on June 5th between 10AM and 2PM at the Forest Resource Education Center in Jackson, New Jersey. The event includes guided hikes and there is much to see and learn. All programs are free. Scouts may attend to help fulfill badge requirements. More information can be found at www.njforestrycenter.org.

Arbor Day will be on Friday April 30th this year. Someone from the Environmental Commission should communicate with the school on the preparation. The seedlings can be ordered from the Seedling Catalog for the Arbor Day Celebration. Although the new school is scheduled to open in September, the planting will be at the present elementary school this year. Ms. Bremer-Nei will work with the school to find their priority for trees and their locations.

Application for Freshwater Wetlands Permits

The Environmental Commission reviewed the notification for NJDEP permits for vegetative maintenance, utility infrastructure maintenance, repair and replacement activities within freshwater wetlands, transition areas and/or state open waters. The Environmental Commission had no major issues with the permits.

2009 Business Stimulus Fund (BSF) Award

The Environmental Commission received a Letter from the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry, congratulating them on being awarded a 2009 Business Stimulus Fund (BSF) in the amount of \$7,000. There are follow-up measures to the award, which will go to the removal of diseased and hazardous trees in the township.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bike/Walking Paths

Ms. Bremer-Nei discussed the possibility of working with the Township Committee on green initiatives. She suggested a bike and hike outing. It was noted that Mayor Kelly attended a meeting at the school on the status of sidewalks and bike paths in Old York Village, as the school is scheduled to open this September and many children will be walking to school.

Sustainable New Jersey

Ms. Bremer-Nei obtained information from www.SustainableNewJersey.com. She spoke on awards for townships that obtain certain standards of sustainability. She asked the members to bring any ideas they may have to the next meeting. The members discussed a possible clean-up program. The township had sponsored that event several years ago; however, they had gotten funds for the program to pay for the waste disposal. It was determined that this would be a good project with which the 4H or the Boy Scouts could be involved. Ms. Wills will add "Sustainability" to the next Environmental Commission agenda.

Certified Tree Experts

The Environmental Commission suggested some names of people who may be chosen to remove the hazardous trees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Spence, second by Ms. Bremer-Nei, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Wills, Secretary