

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

October 26, 2010

Chairman Benton called the 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 Elise Bremer-Nei, Michael Hlubik, Jane Ryan (7:45), Karl Braun, Jerry Spence, and Chairman Benton.

MINUTES

September 28, 2010 Environmental Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Spence, seconded by Mr. Braun to approve the September 28, 2010 Environmental Commission Minutes. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Application for Recertification

Mr. Benton has been working on this grant. Mr. Benton asked the secretary to provide a number of residents and also speak to Greg Lebak, Public Works Director to get an approximate dollar amount on how much is spent on tree clean-up and removal. Mr. Benton will compile the information and give to the secretary to submit.

Green Communities Grant

This will be the 3rd or 4th update to this grant. Mr. Benton is working on completing this grant. The Grant amount we are applying for is \$3,000 with a matching piece of \$1,500 totaling \$4,500. The \$1,500 is an in-kind match which means no cash involved, the match is time put in from volunteers. This grant will allow the committee to look for a consultant in 2011. Mr. Benton has a list of consultants that the board can choose from.

CJIS Grant

Mr. Benton suggested the board look into the CJIS Grant. There are multiple activities to choose from. An application has to be written on each activity chosen so it would be best to choose one subject. The maximum amount that can be awarded is \$25,000 and an in-kind match of \$8,333 totaling \$33,333.

No Net Loss

Bonnie Haines, Township Clerk wrote a memo to the board in response to the letter that was written to the Governor and the Commissioner regarding the re-forestation. The Township Committee is in negotiations with the Turnpike authority as well as DEP and any further correspondence or concerns from the Environmental Committee should be directed to the Township Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from Nancy Jamanow re: Punch Lists from Heritage and Cross Creek

Mr. Hlubik stated that at the Township Committee meeting it was decided that any monies in escrow will be withheld to cover the cost of replacing trees. The Environmental Committee talked about a maintenance plan and without one the odds are against the landscaping surviving. Mr. Benton suggested to Judy Buster that a maintenance plan be built into the original plans.

Mr. Benton stated that a timeline for planting should be by November and that he will send Nancy Jamanow an e-mail with his suggestions.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Bremer-Nei suggested that in regard to the CSIP Grant that a maintenance plan might be considered and that it could be written for the entire township.

Elise Bremer-Nei and Walt Idell attended this years NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference in Cherry Hill. A total of 8 points must be earned to be eligible for grants. Mr. Idell earned 5 points however the Committee is still short 3. Mr. Benton will write down some things that he has participated in and he will e-mail them to Todd Wyckoff to see if anything qualifies. Ms. Bremer-Nei mentioned that there is a webinar on November 8th and also a soil health conference on November 9th. Ms. Bremer-Nei e-mailed the committee a website that list different options for earning points.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50PM, there being no further comments, a motion was made by Ms Bremer-Nei, seconded by Ms. Ryan, to adjourn. So moved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aggie Napoleon
Environmental Commission Secretary