

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

July 27, 2010

Chairman Benton called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:50PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

Roll Call was taken showing present Elise Bremer-Nei, Michael Hlubik, Jane Ryan and Chairman Benton.

MINUTES

April 27, 2010 Environmental Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Hlubik, seconded by Ms. Bremer-Nei, to approve the April 27, 2010 Environmental Commission Minutes. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC

Kevin Broderick of 47 Georgetown-Chesterfield Road – He lives across the street from Honey Brook Farms and that the owners of the farm are feuding with all of the adjacent neighbors. He wanted to express his concerns that the Farm is creating a large hedgerow of manure around the farm. This is hazardous when it rains because of poor drainage; this could be an environment issue if the residents are depending on well water. The Committee informed Mr. Broderick that they would look into the matter. Mr. Hlubik suggested to Mr. Broderick to contact Bill Hlubik who is an agent with Middlesex County.

DISCUSSION

Sustainable New Jersey

Mr. Benton received an e-mail stating that the municipality is now registered with Sustainable New Jersey and they provided us with a log in and password. Ms. Napoleon was advised to send the e-mail to Mr. Bremer-Nei so that she could go into the site and look it over.

Mr. Broderick asked the board what the benefits of this program would have on the Township. Ms. Bremer-Nei stated that at least half of the towns in New Jersey participate in the program; if you are a member it helps with the awarding of grants.

September 15, 2010 is the deadline for this year's program. It was suggested that the Ms. Napoleon check with Bonnie Haines, Township Clerk to see if she could provide copies of documents supporting some the requirements on the list.

Ms. Napoleon will provide a list to the board of the categories listed so that at the next meeting the members could work on meeting the requirements.

Application for Recertification

Mr. Benton will meet with the board secretary in November to complete the application.

Business Stimulus Fund Award

The BSF grant is a \$7,000 payment of federal funds through the NJDEP. The grant was approved and the funding is now available. Ms. Napoleon will talk to Caryn Hoyer the Township Treasurer to see how payment from the grant will be received. She will also speak to Bonnie Haines to see what type of bidding process the Committee should go through to get the process underway.

Letter sent to the Planning Board

Mr. Benton spoke to Nancy Jamanow, Township Engineer and he informed her that the intent of the letter was to only inform the board of the problems throughout the new development. He told her that even though his name was at the bottom of the letter that it was the observations of the members of the committee. He also stated that the letter was not an attack on the Planners it was not being directed towards anyone. Ms. Napoleon was asked to contact Ms. Jamanow to follow up with what was going to be done, if anything.

Mr. Broderick asked the board what the process was once the zones were turned over to the Township. Mr. Benton stated that he did not receive an answer as to whom or how the watering process would be continued.

CORRESPONDENCE

Press Release regarding Tree City USA

Copies of the release were given to the Environmental Commission members.

Bordentown Annual Report

Copies of the annual report were given to the Environmental Commission members

Green Communities Grant 2011

This is a Community Forestry Management Plan which is due to expire December 31, 2011. This will be put on the Agenda for the September meeting. Mr. Benton requests all the members to read thru the application and be familiar so that the application can be completed. There was a short discussion on how we can utilize the funding, one suggestion was to do another rain garden at the school and another was to use it towards the parks and recreation fields in the new development.

MISCELLANEOUS

At the last meeting the topic of putting information on the web site was discussed. Mr. Benton did some research and found a site created by Rutgers University. Mr. Benton copied some of the links and provided Ms. Napoleon with the copies. It was suggested that Ms. Napoleon go thru these links and contact the web master to have them put on the Environmental Commission web page.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15PM, there being no further comments, a motion was made by Ms Bremer-Nei, seconded by Mr. Hlubik, to adjourn. So moved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aggie Napoleon
Environmental Commission Secretary