

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

November 24, 2009

Mr. Benton called the meeting of the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission to order at 7:40PM. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

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

MINUTES

October 27, 2009 Environmental Commission Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Spence, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve the October 27, 2009 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Community Stewardship Incentive Program – Business Stimulus Fund Application

This grant replaces the standard CSIP Grant for the 2009 calendar year. To be eligible for this funding the Township is required to have approved status under the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act for 2009 and submission of a Business Stimulus Fund (BSF) proposal. Award recipients shall agree to allocate the funds received to one or more tree care/forestry businesses. Applications for the BSF projects are due by December 1, 2009. This is not a competitive grant, so all eligible municipalities and counties who submit a valid proposal will receive an equal share of the funding. The state is anticipating that each award recipient will receive between \$5,000 and \$8,000. Award letters will be distributed in January of 2010, and the exact award amount will be specified in that letter.

The Environmental Commission discussed their options for the grant. Due to the time constraints, 'Hazardous Tree Removal' was chosen for the grant. The Environmental Commission members noted additional trees that may not have been on the lists of dangerous trees that were previously compiled. Ms. Bremer-Nei will work on a new list after inspecting the trees that currently need removal. She was advised to consider those trees near electrical wires as well as trees that can be felled into the woods. Upon completion of the grant application, Ms. Bremer-Nei will obtain Mr. Hlubik's signature and hand deliver the material to the New Jersey Forestry Service.

MISCELLANEOUS

As the members felt that there may not be a quorum for the December Meeting, they reviewed their 2009 budget in order to determine their financial needs for 2010. The Environmental Commission indicated that the only change would be to move the postage from \$100.00 to \$50.00 and the legal ads from \$50.00 to \$100.00. The Commission also

asked for the title “miscellaneous” to be changed to “miscellaneous/Arbor Day/community education” on the budget sheet.

A motion was made by Mr. Spence, seconded by Ms. Bremer-Nei, to approve the budget as amended. The vote was in the affirmative and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Wills, Secretary