

**April 8, 2021**

The Township Committee met on the above date via Gotomeeting.com with Mayor Liedtka calling the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was taken showing present: Mayor Jeremy Liedtka, Deputy Mayor Lido Panfili, Committeemen Shreekant Dhopte and Michael Russo, Committeewoman Denise Koetas-Dale. Also present Administrator, Thomas Sahol; Township Clerk, Caryn Hoyer and Township Attorney, George Morris.

The Open Public Meetings Act statement was read and compliance noted. The statement on public comment during remote meetings was read.

**AGENDA MATTER(S) REQUIRING RECUSAL(S)** – None

**REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Hoyer informed the Township Committee the HPC received a resignation letter from Matt Weismantel. Mayor Liedtka stated he has been speaking with Jon Davis about filling that spot.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Panfili made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve the minutes of March 18<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes. Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve the minutes of March 25<sup>th</sup>. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – abstained.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA** - None

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2021-4-1. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTEFIELD  
RESOLUTION 2021-4-1**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey has adopted an Act designating Arbor Day; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the purpose of the designation of this day throughout the nation to encourage the planting of shade and forest trees, to encourage the harvesting of our forest crops by approved conservation methods, and to encourage the protection of our forests from the scourge of devastating fires,

insects and diseases that destroy the beauty and usefulness of our woodlands as well as their wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, through the cooperation of all residents of this community, the beneficial effects of forest tree plantings, proper conservation practices in harvesting timber, and the protection of the forest from natural enemies can be materially increased, and we can pass on an enduring heritage of a vital natural resource to succeeding generations.

**WHEREAS**, a White Oak was donated by Chesterfield Gardens and planted at the municipal complex by the Department of Public Works.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, in the County of Burlington and the State of New Jersey do hereby recognize the celebration of Arbor Day which will take place on Friday April 30, 2021 at the Chesterfield Township Municipal Building.

### **CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Panfili made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to approve Resolution 2021-4-2. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

### **TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD RESOLUTION 2021-4-2**

#### **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR TDR CREDITS - TURNPIKE TRUST FUND**

**WHEREAS**, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township entered into an agreement with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection where the NJ Turnpike Authority paid monies representing consideration for the extinguishment of Transfer of Development Rights Credits due to the widening of the Turnpike, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township agreed to utilize said monies specifically to “bank” these funds to be utilized for the purchase of TDR Credits when needed, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated for TDR Credits - Turnpike are hereby authorized as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Chesterfield, County Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the **TDR Credits – Turnpike**
2. The Clerk of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

**CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

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**Bill List**

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to approve the Treasurers bill list. Roll Call: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes.

**REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

Mr. Hirsh stated the contractor is finishing up repair work on Sykesville Road today and tomorrow and doing alternate work on Ellisdale and Extonville Road. Traditions is paving as well. Mr. Hirsh stated concrete was poured at the Fenton Lane restrooms today and should be completed in the next week or so. Mayor Liedtka asked if we can put a snow fence up while they are still working so we can open up the building. Mayor Liedtka asked Recreation Director Rachel Fryc to put a memo out to see if anyone is interested in renting the building. Ms. Fryc agreed to do so and will work with Mr. Sahol to put COVID precautions in place prior to renting out the building and anyone wanting to rent the building will be aware and can determine if they want to use the building or not.

Mr. Sahol reported that the Township Plant Give-Away that occurred on April 1<sup>st</sup> was a huge success. He stated that in 3 hours the Township gave away over 7,000 pots. Mr. Sahol thanked the staff that participated.

Mr. Sahol advised the committee he is working with Sherri Dudas from the Green Team and Ms. Koetas-Dale to submit a grant for a community compost project. If successful, we would purchase about 180 compost bins and they would be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis. The Township will be providing in kind match. We should have a resolution by May to authorize the grant submittal. Ms. Koetas-Dale thanked Sherri Dudas for writing the majority of the grant and said that the grant will be \$10,000.

Mr. Sahol stated the Public Works Department is working hard to get the volleyball court completed. They have been hindered by the weather. They should be completed in the next week.

Ms. Koetas-Dale reported the first Shade Tree Commission meeting was held. Troy Ulshafer is the Chair, Larry Kuser is the Vice-Chair and Elise Bremer-Nei is the Secretary.

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Agnus Marsala - 42 Cromwell Drive asked the Township Committee if they were aware that there were three IR's not just the one at 31 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road. She asked who is monitoring them while in our town. She is sure they are getting away with things. Mayor Liedtka said that the County is supposed to have an inspector. He said we only knew about the one IR. The DEP should have been notified. Mr. Sahol said that he will get the information on the IR's and report back to the Township Committee. He also stated the County inspector was on site with the IR in roadway that spilled onto the homeowners' property within the County right-of-way.

Hearing no further comments Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to close public comment. All were in favor.

Mayor Liedtka said that we have reason to go into Executive Session tonight under Attorney Client Privilege. No action will be taken.

Mr. Panfili made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve Resolution 2021-4-3. All were in favor. Resolution approved.

### **RESOLUTION 2021-4-3**

#### **A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session not open to the public may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield to discuss, in a session not open to the public, certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield to discuss, in a session not open to the public, certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12b and designated below:

- Matters required by law to be confidential.
- Matters where the release of information would impair the right to receive funds.
- Matters involving individual privacy.
- Matters relating to collective bargaining agreements.
- Matters relating to the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds.
- Matters relating to public safety and property.
- Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and the attorney-client privilege.
- Matters relating to the employment relationship.
- Matters relating to the potential imposition of a penalty.
- Matters relating to deliberations on administrative and/or quasi-judicial matters.
- Matters relating to contract negotiations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, assembled in public session on April 8, 2021 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held at 7:20 PM for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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Mr. Panfili made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to go back into regular session at 7:44 PM. All were in favor.

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC  
Municipal Clerk