

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Janet Ariemma
Karin LaGreca
Carol Phiefer
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf

Ward Donigian, Planning Board Liaison
Tom McKeon, Malcolm Road Resident

Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Michael Devaney
Richard Reilly

The minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2017 were approved as submitted following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Phiefer. All other members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

2018 Budget

Wolf said he met with Business Administrator Quentin Wiest to go over our proposed 2018 budget. Wolf also presented the Commission's proposal for anti-dumping ordinance enforcement on Stag Hill, as well as our proposal to hire a sustainability consultant and part-time arborist on staff. Wiest said he would include our proposals in the budget presented to the mayor and council.

Orange & Rockland Tree Removal Plans

Wolf said he is still waiting to hear back from Orange & Rockland regarding their tree removal plans in town. Wolf said he would like to have an O&R representative attend a meeting in February, as well as the arborist we have on staff.

Rain Garden Update

Seibert distributed a handout regarding plants to plant in the Rain Garden to attract hummingbirds. LaGreca gave an update on the status of the ongoing work.

2018 Water Quality Summit

Wolf told Business Administrator Wiest that he would propose several dates as well as a potential agenda for an upcoming Water Quality Summit. Main topics will be water

quality, conservation, and a well maintenance program. Wolf said he would like to host the summit sometime around Earth Day.

Floating Island

Ariemma said we need council approval to install an artificial floating island at Winter's Pond. Tom McKeon, a resident and representative for local Boy Scout Troop 258, discussed some of the supplies and materials needed for the island, which the Troop is donating. LaGreca said she will put together a presentation to present to Town Council.

New Jersey Mayor's Climate Summit

Ariemma distributed a flyer regarding the New Jersey Mayor's Climate Summit scheduled for February 3, 2018 in New Brunswick.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Greg Della Penna, 28 Turners Lake Drive, Block 156, Lot 8, Docket #586

The Environmental Commission received a Planning Board Application Review Report for a minor subdivision.

The application review was accepted following a motion made by Seibert; seconded by Wolf. All were in favor.

KMG H&O Mahwah, LLC, 440 Franklin Turnpike, Block 110.01, Lot 7, Docket #589

The Environmental Commission received a Planning Board Application Review Report for a preliminary and final site plan.

The application review was accepted following a motion made by LaGreca; seconded by Phiefer. All were in favor.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Robert Poliseo, 125 Grove Street, Block 52, Lot 62, E-BD-216-3041

The Environmental Commission received Soil Movement and Tree Preservation Applications for a new single-family residence on the property. There is no tree removal planned.

The application review was accepted following a motion made by Wolf; seconded by Seibert. All were in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

613 Original LLC, 18 Industrial Avenue, Block 110.01, Lot 1, TA18-0001

Screen Printing

Harvest Dish, 320 Ridge Road, Block 138, Lot 151.02, TA18-0002

Restaurant

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Memo from the Mayor's Office regarding the re-appointment of Phiefer and Seibert as members for the term 1/1/18 through 12/31/20
- Email from Long Beach Township resident regarding single-use plastic bag use
- Email from resident regarding illegal tree removals around town
- Copy of a letter from Boswell Engineering regarding Pawan Vaswani's Soil Movement Application and Plot Plan Review for 124 Lawrence Road
- Letter from the Hackensack Riverkeeper and latest issue of Hackensack Tidelines
- The Shade Tree Bulletin, Volume 90
- Newsletter of the Joyce Kilmer Society of Mahwah, January 2018
- Email newsletters from the NY-NJ Trail Conference
- Email newsletters from the Hackensack Riverkeeper
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESS

Invoice and Voucher Certification Form, 2018 ANJEC Membership

We received an invoice for 2018 ANJEC Membership Dues. Annual membership is \$350. Wolf made a motion to submit in the amount of \$350; seconded by Seibert. All members were in favor. Storms will prepare and submit for payment.

Ramapo College Student Research

LaGreca asked if there is anything we would like her students to research in the upcoming year. Wolf asked members to think about it for our next meeting. We will discuss it on January 24, 2018. Donigian suggested studying the impact of Route 287 on our wetlands in the last 30 years.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Phiefer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary