

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chairman. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Jonathan Marcus
Carol Phiefer (arrived at 8 p.m.)
Richard Reilly
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf

Jennifer Storms (secretary)

Absent: Linda Meisel
Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on December 9, 2015 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Seibert; seconded by Mr. Reilly. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Shade Tree Committee

Mr. Marcus said the Planning Board has put together a Shade Tree Committee to explore our views on the township pursuing a formal Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Marcus will serve on the committee. Upon researching the concept, the committee will make recommendations to the town council.

Pilgrim Pipeline Update

Mr. Marcus gave an update on the status of the Pilgrim Pipeline and discussed the next steps the Council and Planning Board are taking in town to fight unregulated pipelines. The Planning Board recently passed a resolution stating that the concept of unregulated pipelines is contrary to our Master Plan and recommended that the Council pass an ordinance in line with that. We expect the Council to act on the issue sometime in early 2016.

Health & Wellness Facility

Mr. Marcus said this week the Planning Board approved the development of an innovative Health & Wellness Center in town.

Daily Voice Article

Mr. Wolf said in December he received a call from the Mahwah-Ramsey Daily Voice regarding an article about our certification as a Sustainable Jersey Community. Mr. Marcus also spoke to the reporter. We were featured in an article in December.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

None received

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

John Deere Landscapes, 100 Weyerhauser Road, Block 102, Lot 29, TA15-0029

Change of Ownership for wholesale nursery

Burger King, 385 State Highway 17 North, Block 63, Lot 2, TA15-0030

Change of Ownership for fast food restaurant

The Hair Bar of Mahwah, 115 Franklin Turnpike, Block 70, Lot 44, TA15-0031

Change of Ownership for hair/barber salon

Ammosa Enterprise, Inc., 1 Lethbridge Plaza, Suite 13, Block 63, Lot 6, TA15-0032

Costume jewelry importer and wholesaler

Mayr Corporation, 10 Industrial Avenue, Block 110.01, Lot 8, TA15-0033

Power transmission component sales and service

Simply Amazing dba Amazing Savings, 1 Sharp Plaza, Block 26, Lot 1, TA16-0001

General merchandise

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Joint letter from concerned neighbors of Avenue A, Second and Third Streets regarding the extensive cutting of trees on empty lots at Avenue A and Second Street during the holiday season. Mrs. Storms will pull any prior approvals we have on the property and what our actions were at the time.
- Copy of a letter sent to Aldo & Laudencia Moraletta, 70 Peterson Place, advising that an application was reviewed and given final approval by the Bergen County Planning Board on December 17, 2015. Mrs. Storms will find out what the application was for.
- 2015-16 Catalog for the Bergen County Technical Schools Adult & Continuing Education.

- Email newsletter regarding the upcoming Joyce Kilmer Day, during which a new environmental project with MEVO and the Mahwah Beautification Committee will be announced.
- DEP Press Release concerning the 2015 NJ Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards.
- Town Council Resolution from January 7, 2016 reappointing Linda Meisel and Jonathan Marcus to another term on the Environmental Commission.
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices.

NEW BUSINESS

Educational Handouts

Mr. Seibert distributed two informational articles regarding foods for better health and warnings about commonly used drugs.

Sustainable Jersey Update

Mr. Wolf asked everyone to look on Sustainable Jersey's website before our next meeting to come up with a plan to work toward achieving Silver certification in the upcoming year.

Cooperative Project with Ramapo College Sustainability Class

Mr. Wolf said Karin LaGreca has requested we conduct a cooperative project with her Sustainability Class this year. He suggested we do something with the students regarding the Bike Path and will compile some information to present to the class at an upcoming date.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Seibert; seconded by Mr. Marcus. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary