

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH

JANUARY 14, 2015

The meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:35 by Richard Wolf, Chairman. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Jonathan Marcus
Linda Meisel
Carol Phiefer
Richard Reilly
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf
Jane DeWan, Secretary

Karin LaGreca, Sustainable Jersey Consultant

Absent: Daniel Weixeldorfer

REORGANIZATION FOR 2015

Carol Phiefer, Richard Seibert and Daniel Weixeldorfer were re-appointed to the Environmental Commission at the Council meeting held on January 8, 2015 with terms from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017.

Dick Seibert nominated Richard Wolf to serve as Chairman of the Environmental Commission. The motion was seconded by Linda Meisel. There were no other nominations. Richard Wolf was unanimously elected Chairman of the Environmental Commission for 2015.

Dick Seibert nominated Jonathan Marcus to serve as Vice Chairman of the Environmental Commission. The motion was seconded by Dick Reilly. There were no other nominations. Jonathan Marcus was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Environmental Commission for 2015.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on December 10, 2014 were approved as submitted after a motion to accept by Dick Reilly; seconded by Carol Phiefer. J. Marcus abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

TREE ORDINANCE

Proposed Amendments

Rich has continued working with Mike Kelly and kept everyone informed by email.

Letter from Bergen County Prosecutor

Rich Wolf received a letter about the indictment against Jay Patel asking about completion of a Victim Information and Impact Form to be returned, if applicable.

Apple Ridge Mahwah Plans

Linda Meisel returned the plans discussing the severe tree removal on the site. Commission members feel an arborist should review the tree situation.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFICATION

Karin LaGreca listed completed projects and outstanding items needed to finish others. Possible locations of a rain garden (10' x 20') were discussed.

A seminar may be held to collect information on flooding in the Township. Jonathan Marcus volunteered to work with Linda Meisel on this.

Another proposed project is animals in the community. A presentation is being planned. Possible date is March 25 in the senior center.

Karin has submitted a revised Contract for Phase II of the Bronze Level Sustainable Jersey Certification Project. The project dates are January 1, 2015 to June 15, 2015.

Fees are \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,400.00 in the Phase II timeframe.

A motion was made by Dick Seibert to approve the amended contract. The motion was seconded by Carol Phiefer. All were in favor of approving the revised contract.

Mayor Laforet joined the meeting at 8:45 p.m. He discussed several items including the Mayor's Wellness Proclamation (Sustainable Jersey item). He would like to have a Wellness Expo.

Apple Ridge Mahwah – discussed the need to remediate soil and remove all trees at that site.

Status of Winters Park Playground, driveway/parking, and a passive walkway.

Discussed moving the DPW site and requested suggestions on building a new, state of the art, recycling center. Mayor Laforet left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Net-A-Porter, Docket 377A-1

Plans reviewed and approved.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Capital Group LLC, 19 Hines Avenue, Bl. 43, Lot 21.02, E-BD-216-2760, dated 12/5/14

Soil and tree preservation form approved. No tree removal on the site.

Follow up: Questions on Tree Preservation Application

M. Trizano, 132 Grove Street

Applicant clarified that two trees will be removed.

Guy Fava, 317 Stag Hill Road

Applicant stated in a letter dated 1/9/15 that the two trees we questioned are diseased and should be removed. Check with Mike Kelly on best way to verify this information.

TENANT APPLICATION

Commission members reviewed and approved the following tenant application:
Bogen Communications, 1200 Macarthur Blvd. – office.

CORRESPONDENCE

Reviewed various minutes and agendas.

Letter from NJ DEP on oil tank removal at 117 Lawrence Road.

Invoice from ANJEC. Renewal for dues in 2015 \$290.00. Workshop plan \$60.00.
Deferred decision on keeping workshop plan until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jonathan Marcus reported on items being reviewed at Planning Board.

He discussed the Highlands Centers and related zoning and ordinances

FEMA flood maps. FEMA may come to do a presentation to several local towns at once.

Possibly at Ramapo College.

Fasciano Rizzi site off Monroe – two lots with wetlands. Many neighboring residents attended the Planning Board meeting concerned about wetlands, streams and flooding.

Will be discussed at next Planning Board meeting.

Planning Board reviewed and discussed redevelopment zone proposals at the DPW site.

A vote is expected at the next meeting.

Jane DeWan took photos for new identification cards and collected old cards which need update terms added.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, N.J.

J. DeWan
Secretary