

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Janet Ariemma
Karin LaGreca
Tom McKeon
Frank Pallotta
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf

Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Carol Phiefer

Seibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 9, 2018; seconded by Pallotta. McKeon questioned several details regarding the comments for the Soil Movement Permit Application for 1 Braeburn Court (Page 2). Members discussed amending that section of the minutes to more clearly state our concerns.

The amended minutes of the meeting held on January 9, 2018 were approved following a motion by Wolf; seconded by McKeon. LaGreca abstained. All other present members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Update

LaGreca gave an update on the status of our Sustainable Jersey certification. Wolf will forward information regarding an upcoming webinar to the group.

Recycling Update

McKeon gave an update on our priorities for recycling in the coming year. From an educational perspective, McKeon said he would like to see if the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority has any materials to share. Wolf said the library is also interested in doing an environmental film series about recycling. LaGreca will follow up with the library to schedule dates. McKeon will look into booking a date for a recycling forum in the senior center downstairs as well as creating a recycling primer/handout for residents.

Tree Giveaway

Wolf said our tree giveaway is scheduled for April 13, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. We must coordinate the seedling pick up with DPW on April 12. Wolf suggested we also ask DPW to provide compost like last year, which was very successful. We are receiving

825 trees for free this year from the NJDEP. Members discussed the option of purchasing additional flowering trees through the program. Wolf made a motion to purchase 400 additional trees – 150 Flowering Dogwood, 100 Eastern Redbud, 50 Black Cherry and 50 Cornelian Cherry – at a total cost of \$161; seconded by Seibert. All other members voted in favor.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Roman & Maggie Fulman, 10 Heritage Lane, Block 109.01, Lot 2.04, E-BD-216-304-661

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of a steel wall vinyl liner, in-ground swimming pool, patio and cabana on the property. No tree removal is indicated.

Comments to Administrative Officer

Please have the applicant clarify the impervious coverage limitations.

The application review was accepted subject to the above clarification following a motion made by Seibert; seconded by LaGreca. All were in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Mahwah Wines & Liquor, 350 Ridge Road, Block 138, Lot 151.02, TA19-0001

Liquor Store

NJ Dance to Inspire, 1029 Macarthur Blvd., Block 138, Lot 151.01, TA19-0002

Dance Studio

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Application for a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit for the Maintenance of Existing PSE&G Natural Gas Transmission System Rights-of-Way to Permit Selective Herbicide Application within Riparian Zones
- Copy of a letter from the NJDEP regarding an Area of Concern – Underground Storage Tank System for 387 Campgaw Road
- Copy of a letter from EWMA regarding Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form-Soil for 247 West Ramapo Avenue
- Copy of a letter from the NJDEP regarding a Proposed Amendment to the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan and Wastewater Management Plan for the Rizzi-Fasciano Development, Block 149, Lot 20
- Copy of a letter from Peak Environmental regarding a Response Action Outcome for Stateline Business Park, 100 and 200 Performance Drive
- Email from the Joyce Kilmer Society regarding an event on January 27

- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESS

NJ Shade Tree Federation 2019 Dues

The Commission received an invoice for our 2019 Shade Tree membership dues. Wolf made a motion to approve our membership dues in the amount of \$95; seconded by Seibert. All members were in favor. Storms will prepare and submit for payment.

Mahwah Matters Article Submissions – Spring 2019 Issue

Newsletter article submissions are due February 11, 2019. Estimated delivery of the issue to residents is scheduled for the week of April 15.

2019 Calendar

Submissions for Mahwah Matters – February 11

Grant application submissions – February 15 and late February for ANJEC

Tree Giveaway – April 13

Recycling Forum – Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.

Environmental Film Series at the Library – Date TBD

Bergen County Hazardous Waste Collection – July 20

Bergen County 2019 Tire, Electronics & Mobile Paper Shredding Event – June 8 & October 16

Mahwah Day – September 21

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 10:13 p.m. following a motion by McKeon; seconded by Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary