

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chairman.

The Opening Statement was read in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Roll call was taken.

Present: Jonathan Marcus
Carol Phiefer
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf

Karin LaGreca, Sustainable Jersey Consultant

Absent: Daniel Weixeldorfer
Linda Meisel
Richard Reilly
Jane DeWan (secretary)

A motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2015, was made by Mr. Seibert and seconded by Mr. Marcus. All in favor. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) Invoice

The mission of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions is to achieve responsible and sustainable use of New Jersey's natural resources and protection of environmental health. ANJEC is a statewide organization that provides leadership, education, and support for environmental commissions and other local boards and public officials, and partners with other organizations to advocate for strong state and regional environmental policy.

As members requested the option to obtain education and training provided by ANJEC, the board approved the additional \$95 annual educational workshop fees.

Deer Presentation

Karen LaGreca announced the Commission was sponsoring a presentation to residents in preparation for the Spring planting season (i.e. planting to minimize impact of wildlife destruction). It is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Senior Center.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY UPDATES

Karin LaGreca reviewed the list of actions assigned to members in support of the Commission's efforts to attain Sustainable Jersey certification for Mahwah.

Members will continue to search for "Anti-Idling" and "No Smoking" signs around the Township. They will take photographs of any of these signs and submit them to Mrs. LaGreca. Members were also asked to keep copies of any advertised events related to environmental issues within the Township, as well as identify locations that have local produce available. This information will also be submitted to Mrs. LaGreca for her review and comments.

Mr. Wolf is preparing an article for the next issue of "Mahwah Matters," the Township's semiannual newsletter. The article will highlight Sustainable Mahwah activities and recycling key points. Mr. Wolf will also send out a recycling summary to commission members.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Provence Estate Builders, 1 Farmstead Road, Block 23, Lot 55.01

We received notification of a request to amend a 2004 condition of site plan approval to preserve a building and well on the site. Paperwork was reviewed, but the Commission members did not find a reasonable explanation for allowing the removal of the building. Although there are no environmental issues, we did not approve the amendment request and recommend notifying the Historic Preservation Commission of the amended site plan.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following permit applications were reviewed:

Lou Rizzo, 12 Rae Avenue, Block 160, Lot 30

E-BD-216-2770

As there was limited information on the site plan as to the tree removal and replacement plan, we requested clarification and a revised plan to include the tree proposals.

Memo to Administrative Officer:

"The Environmental Commission reviewed the Soil Movement Permit and Tree Preservation Applications submitted by Mr. Lou Rizzo. We ask that additional documentation be provided to identify the trees to be removed and replaced on the site plan map."

cc: Township Engineer

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

- Della Pello Paving, Inc., 200 Route 17 South – engineering personnel for NJDOT project on Route 17
- ISIS Corporation, 1 Lethbridge Plaza, Ste. 6 – computer programming office

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Various agendas, minutes and public notices.
- A copy of a letter addressed to Apple Ridge USR, LLC from Dennis Contois of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Northern Engineering Section, Bureau of Inland Regulation. The letter pertains to flood hazard area verification approval at Apple Ridge in Mahwah and Upper Saddle River, and verifies the limit of the flood hazard area, floodway and riparian zone on the site.
- Annual dues renewal for membership from New Jersey Shade Tree Federation in the amount of \$95.00. A purchase order will be generated and submitted to the Township Administrator and CFO for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marcus informed commission members there is a FEMA meeting planned at the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute. Mr. Marcus suggested the town should notify any impacted residents of the upcoming meeting date and time.

Regarding the Masonicus Development, several members commented that the trees on the berms do not look presentable. He will review the original approval and examine the trees in place.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. following a motion by Jonathan Marcus, seconded by Dick Seibert and unanimously agreed to by all present.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary