

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Richard Seibert. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Janet Ariemma  
Michael Devaney  
Karin LaGreca  
Carol Phiefer  
Richard Reilly  
Richard Seibert  
Jennifer Storms (secretary)

Absent: Richard Wolf

The minutes of the meeting held on January 25, 2017 were approved as submitted following a motion by Reilly; seconded by Phiefer. All other members were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Robotics Team Clean Water Initiative

A local First Lego League (FLL) Robotics Team with a Mahwah resident is competing in a national competition. The team would like to identify the potential impact that chemical runoff (i.e. nitrogen) has on local wildlife and natural resources, and has developed a plan to create a filter and measuring devices that would be placed in our local streams and rivers to gather information. They are requesting funding of up to \$2,000 to make the devices. The information gathered would be analyzed by the team and presented to the Environmental Commission to determine if there is a risk to local wildlife and water supply.

Ariemma said she mentioned the program at the Town Council's last meeting. Council members would like more information on the program. Wolf will follow up with the Mayor.

Municipal Tree Ordinance

Ariemma said she discussed the Town's Municipal Tree Ordinance with the Chair of the Ordinance Committee, who would like to review any changes we are proposing.

Planning Board Liaison

During the last Council Meeting, Ariemma said she mentioned the need for a Planning Board Liaison on the Environmental Commission.

State v. Jay Patel Update

Ariemma said she mentioned the status of this case to the Township Attorney at the last Council Meeting. Wolf is following up with the town's attorneys to discuss next steps.

Rain Garden Update

LaGreca is preparing two Sustainable Jersey grant applications in the amount of \$10,000 and \$2,000. The grant applications will be presented at the next Council meeting on February 23, 2017. We are still awaiting Orange & Rockland's funding determination for 2017.

**SITE PLAN REVIEWS**

*None received*

**SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

The following Soil Movement Permit Applications were reviewed:

Edward and Erin Kane, 178 East Crescent Avenue, Block 120, Lot 61, E-BD-216-304-628

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the installation of an in-ground pool on the property. The Tree Preservation Application indicates eight trees will be removed.

*Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:*

Please note that two replacement trees are required for the eight trees being removed.

The applications were approved following a motion made by Reilly; seconded by Phiefer. All were in favor.

Antonio Oliveira, 9 Fawn Hill Drive, Block 149, Lot 46, E-BD-216-2972

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for a home addition. There is no tree movement indicated.

The applications were approved following a motion made by Reilly; seconded by Phiefer. All were in favor.

**TENANT APPLICATIONS**

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Pilar Shinin (Delicious), 107-109 Miller Road, Block 17, Lots 16, 17 & 21, TA17-0004  
*Delicatessen*

The DSM Group, 575 Corporate Drive, Block 137, Lot 11, TA17-0006  
*Internet Company*

Medigain Practice Management, 1200 MacArthur Blvd, Block 139, Lot 2, TA17-0007  
*Medical billing*

Powerhouse Gym, 91-97 McKee Drive, Block 64, Lot 11, TA17-0009  
*Fitness Center*

The following Tenant Applications were not approved. Please provide more information regarding the following applications:

Safer World Group, 211 Island Road, Block 64, Lot 1, TA17-0005  
*Manufacture and testing*

*Comments:*

Please provide details of what is being manufactured and how specifically the product is being tested. Please also indicate how the isopropyl alcohol is being used.

DVASH Foods, 300 Corporate Drive, Block 136, Lot 8, TA17-0008  
*Storage of doors and millwork*

*Comments:*

Please provide details on whether the work on doors and millwork will subject the building to sawdust, heavy dust or painting that may require fire protection equipment.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Mailing from Concrete Washout Systems regarding green building
- Email from CDP Cities
- Flyer for 2017 Hazardous Waste Collection Events
- Letter from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding notice that the FY2017 Annual Fee Report and Assessment of Fees
- Letter from InSite Engineering regarding a Treatment Works Approval Notification for Mahwah Properties I, LLC – Health and Wellness Center
- ULINE Shipping Supply Specialists Fall/Winter 2016-2017 Brochure
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS, CONTINUED**

The following Soil Movement Permit Applications were reviewed:

Andriy Panchishak, 20 North Railroad Avenue, Block 47, Lot 10, E-BD-216-2967

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of a single-family residence. The Tree Preservation Application indicates 16 trees will be removed, with four tree replacements (Cherry and Red Maple).

*Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:*

Please note that under the soil movement permit application “Description of Soil to be Moved,” the figures need correction (page 1). Please provide the soil movement details including volume of fill, imported, exported and soil to be moved.

The applications were approved following a motion made by Reilly; seconded by Phiefer. All were in favor.

Valentyna Panchishak, 18 North Railroad Avenue, Block 47, Lot 9, E-BD-216-2966

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of a single-family residence. The Tree Preservation Application indicates eight trees will be removed, with two tree replacements (Cherry).

*Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:*

Please note that under the soil movement permit application “Description of Soil to be Moved,” the figures need correction (page 1). Please provide the soil movement details including volume of fill, imported, exported and soil to be moved. The tree count noted on the application indicates eight trees will be removed; however we only count five trees on the site plan. Please clarify.

The applications were approved following a motion made by LaGreca; seconded by Devaney. All were in favor.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. following a motion by LaGreca; seconded by Phiefer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms  
Secretary