

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Richard Seibert, Vice Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair (arrived 7:50 p.m.)
 Karin LaGreca
 Tom McKeon
 Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison
 Carol Phiefer
 Richard Seibert

Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Janet Ariemma

The minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2019 were approved as submitted following a motion by LaGreca; seconded by McKeon. All other present members were in favor.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Thomas J. Deloy Minor Subdivision, 111 Midvale Mountain Road, Block 1, Lots 158 & 159.01, Docket #584

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Planning Board Application for a minor subdivision on the property.

The application review was approved following a motion made by LaGreca; seconded by Pallotta. All were in favor.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Folsom Corporation, 43 McKee Drive, Block 64, Lot 7, E-BD-216-3119

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for remedial drainage work to address water in the building and icing in the parking lot. No tree removal is indicated.

Comments to Administrative Officer

Does the town ordinance allow for water runoff from the roof and parking lot directly to the stormwater drainage system?

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

TENANT APPLICATIONS

None received

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Update

LaGreca gave an update on the status of our Sustainable Jersey certification and the certifications we had that expired at the end of 2018.

ANJEC Stormwater Seminar

LaGreca attended a recent ANJEC seminar regarding stormwater initiatives. She discussed new statewide legislative efforts to establish a flood defense fund, as well as other issues regarding stormwater management.

Recycling Forum

The Recycling Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2019 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Kerry Scales, a representative from Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority, will speak during the forum. Members discussed other potential speakers as well as topics including hazardous waste recycling, proper disposal of electronics and reducing consumption. LaGreca will follow up with the library to discuss showing an environmental film there.

ANJEC Grant

McKeon will prepare information to submit for the \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey small grant program, which is due this Friday, February 15, 2019.

June 8 Hazardous Waste Collection Update

Pallotta reached out to the Bergen County Utilities Authority regarding organizing a tire collection in conjunction with the county's June 8 hazardous waste collection.

Proposed North Bergen Natural Gas Power Plant for NYC

Wolf asked if members wanted to submit a letter to town council to voice our opposition to the proposed North Bergen Natural Gas Power Plant in NYC. All members were in favor of preparing a letter urging town council to draft a resolution. Pallotta indicated that from his preliminary research, there is no upside to Mahwah.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Township Resolution authorizing the Environmental Commission to submit a 2019 Community Application for the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign
- Email regarding Tree Care Update Seminar on Thursday, March 7
- CEA/WRA Form from Tectonic regarding Darlington County Park
- Application for NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit for the maintenance of existing natural gas transmission mains
- Emails regarding 14 Skytop Drive Tree Removals
- Email from Councilman Ferguson regarding a Statewide Plastic Bag Ban and the North Bergen Natural Gas Power Plant for NYC
- Constituent email regarding BOE Cell Tower – Wolf will reply to the constituent

- Spring Newsletter reminder
- Email newsletter from the Joyce Kilmer Society, Feb/Mar 2019, Volume 6, No. 9
- Email newsletters from the Hackensack Riverkeeper and NY/NJ Trail Conference
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESS

Clean Air Article – Where Clean Air is Scarce

Seibert distributed an informational article regarding worldwide air pollution levels.

Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance

LaGreca said she recently found out there is no town ordinance on record for solid waste disposal. She will ask Township Attorney Brian Campion if he has an example of any other town's ordinances, which we will use as an example to draft our own.

Apple Ridge Pumping Update

Pallotta spoke to a DEP representative who handles surface water testing regarding ongoing pumping issues at Apple Ridge. He discussed the issue of dewatering and said his own tests on the property indicate the levels are more than two times the legal limit. He asked what our next step should be. Wolf recommended we present the results to town officials and ask Boswell Engineering to perform testing on the basin water on the property.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:34 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by LaGreca. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary