

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Jonathan Marcus
 Carol Phiefer
 Richard Seibert
 Richard Wolf

 Jennifer Storms (secretary)

Absent: Linda Meisel
 Richard Reilly
 Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2016 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Seibert; seconded by Mrs. Phiefer. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Article Follow-up – “State fighting rise in tainted water”

At our last meeting, Mr. Seibert distributed an article that appeared in the Record regarding potential drinking water contamination from PFOA, a man-made chemical. He suggested we ask if we test for this in our water and how we compare to surrounding towns. The Water Department told Mr. Wolf that Mahwah has been tested several times and the level of this in our water is well below any limits to be of concern.

2016 NJDEP Tree Recovery Campaign

Members discussed their various responsibilities in preparing for the tree distribution event on Saturday, April 23 at Town Hall. Mr. Wolf will follow-up soon with DEP to check on the status of the grant.

ANJEC Small Appliance Recycling Legislation

Mr. Wolf received an email from ANJEC regarding a push to support legislation that pertains to small appliance recycling. He will reach out to the Township Business Administrator to put it on the town’s radar.

DPW Tree Survey Update

Mr. Wolf said he is putting plans for a Tree Survey on the backburner to focus on other priorities. We will regroup later this year.

Walking Path Article

Mr. Seibert distributed an article in the Record regarding grants for recreational paths in several Bergen County towns. Members will look into other various grant opportunities to support our plan for a bike path.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following soil movement permit applications were reviewed:

Mahwah NL Cedars Developers, LLC, 16 Arbor Lane, Block 126, Lot 129.06
E-BD-216-2885

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application submitted by Mahwah NL Cedars Developers, LLC for the construction of a new single-family home. The Tree Preservation Application was not complete; the Planning Board has requested the applicant complete and resubmit that application.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

This Soil Movement Permit Application is not approved. Please note that under the soil movement permit “description of soil to be moved,” the export figure needs correction (page 1). Volume of soil cut plus volume to be imported should equal volume of soil fill plus volume to be exported. Please have the applicant correct that figure. Please also note that since the tree removals were previously approved, we should ensure that all deposits are already in place.

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Wolf; seconded by Mr. Marcus. All were in favor.

Mahwah NL Cedars Developers, LLC, 6 Tree Farm Lane, Block 126, Lot 130.02
E-BD-216-2777(A)

The Environmental Commission reviewed an amended Soil Movement Permit Application submitted by Mahwah NL Cedars Developers, LLC for the construction of a 4,000-square-foot, single-family dwelling. There is no related Tree Preservation Application because the tree plan has not changed from the original submission.

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mrs. Phiefer. All were in favor.

Apple Ridge Association, 199-202 Van Winkle Lane, Block 126, Lot 114
E-BD-216-2887

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application submitted by Apple Ridge Association for the replacement of an existing retaining wall.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

Please have the applicant indicate the type of soil being imported and that that soil is properly tested.

The application was approved following a motion made by Mrs. Phiefer; seconded by Mr. Seibert. All were in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Inc. USA, 301 Island Road, Block 64, Lot 12, TA16-0007

Pharmaceutical distribution

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mr. Seibert. All were in favor.

RJ Brands, 1 Sharp Plaza, Block 26, Lot 1, TA16-0008

Wholesaler

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mr. Seibert. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a letter from PSE&G informing county and municipal officials of the company's intention to submit a Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit Application.
- Copy of a letter regarding the transfer of property from Leneta Realty Company, L.P. to Schaeffer Properties, LLC, 15 Whitney Road, regarding the remediation of the site.
- Copy of a letter from PEAK Environmental LLC regarding remedial action protectiveness/biennial certification for the Mahwah School District Maintenance Garage.
- Copy of a letter from FedEx regarding a DEP Community Right to Know Survey for 2015.
- Copy of an email regarding the Sustainable City Network's Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment - Webinar Series.
- Email from CDP Cities regarding an invitation to participate. Mrs. Storms will follow up with the sender.
- Copy of a Flood Hazard Area Restoration Plan for Pride Rock, LLC, Block 24, Lot 1.
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices.

NEW BUSINESS**Pilgrim Pipeline Update**

Mr. Marcus gave an update on the status of the Pilgrim Pipeline. He said officials continue to meet to oppose the pipeline in their respective jurisdictions. Bergen County had previously approved Pilgrim to conduct a survey of our land. Members of the Coalition Against the Pilgrim Pipeline are trying to get the county to rescind the survey approval to slow down Pilgrim's progress.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mrs. Phiefer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary