

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018**

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
Michael Devaney
Carol Phiefer
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf

Ward Donigian, Planning Board Liaison (arrived 8:35 p.m.)
Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Karin LaGreca

The minutes of the meeting held on February 28, 2018 were approved as submitted following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Wolf. Devaney abstained. All other members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Orange & Rockland Vegetation Management Plan

Ariemma is coordinating a meeting with representatives from Orange & Rockland, DPW and commission members. Our goal is to get a better understanding of tree removals, as well as reduce the amount of trees being cut down and maintain our tree canopy in town.

New Commission Members

Members discussed potential candidates for the vacant seat on the Commission. Wolf will follow up with the mayor on our recommendations.

Artificial Floating Island – Saturday, June 16

Members discussed the local Boy Scout troop's donation of an artificial floating island at Winter's Pond. The installation of the island is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2018.

Recycling Barrel Giveaway

Members discussed doing another recycling barrel giveaway. Wolf said we can talk to DPW to see if this is something we can do again this year.

Tree Giveaway – Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Environmental Commission requested 1,500 trees this year. Ariemma will publicize the event in the local media. The giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

2018 Water Quality Summit – Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

Wolf said the Mayor's Water Quality Forum is scheduled for Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m. Members discussed our role in the forum as well as potential topics.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Julie Olansen, 2 Reid Court, Block 78, Lot 3, E-BD-216-3046

The Environmental Commission received a Soil Movement Permit Application for an addition on the property. The application does not indicate any tree removal.

The application review was accepted following a motion made by Devaney; seconded by Phiefer. All were in favor.

Sebastien & Kristen Ragon, 36 Oweno Road, Block 84, Lots 24-26, E-BD-216-304-642

The Environmental Commission received a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the installation of a new in-ground pool on the property. The Tree Preservation Application indicates one tree will be removed and replaced.

The application review was accepted following a motion made by Seibert; seconded by Phiefer. All were in favor.

Zoccoli Associates c/o Charles Dandeneau, 26 Fairmount Avenue, Block 173, Lot 120.05, Docket #1276-08(S5)

The Environmental Commission received a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for a new, single-family home construction. The Tree Preservation Application indicates seven trees will be removed, with four replacements.

The application review was accepted following a motion made by Devaney; seconded by Seibert. All were in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

NWP Water Systems, LLC, 63 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 41, Lot 1, TA18-0009

Water filtration

Prince Herb, 1 Lethbridge Plaza, Suite 13, Block 63, Lot 6, TA18-0010

E-commerce, tea sales

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Resolution authorizing the construction of the artificial floating island at Winters Pond

- Resolution authorizing the Environmental Commission to apply for the 2018 New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign
- Emails from the Hackensack Riverkeeper regarding current events
- Email from the PM Academy regarding Project Management Master Certification
- Email from CDP Cities regarding renewable cities
- Email from DEP regarding National Trails Day
- Email from the NY/NJ Trail Conference regarding upcoming events
- Copy of a letter from Trinity Environmental Services regarding a Response Action Outcome for Leneta Company located at 15 Whitney Road
- Copy of a letter from SRG regarding a Receptor Evaluation & Public Notification for Bolla Mahwah Realty Corp. located at 130 Route 17 South
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESS

Gun Range Improvements

Members discussed the planned improvements at the gun range and whether there were any environmental considerations. Donigian said the range is currently shut down for the construction. Ariemma said many residents are concerned with the noise levels and potential impact on ground water levels on the property. Members agreed to write a letter highlighting our general concerns.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. following a motion by Wolf; seconded by Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary