

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chairman. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Linda Meisel
 Carol Phiefer
 Richard Reilly
 Richard Seibert
 Richard Wolf
 Jennifer Storms (secretary)

Karin LaGreca, Sustainable Jersey Consultant
Several students from Suffern High School

Absent: Jonathan Marcus
 Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 2015 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Seibert; seconded by Mr. Reilly. All were in favor. There was no quorum to approve the minutes of February 25, 2015 and March 11, 2015. Minutes will be presented again at the April 8, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Wolf welcomed the visiting Suffern High School students and briefly explained the role of the Environmental Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Green/Health Fair

May 16, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mahwah Senior Activity Center

Mrs. LaGreca gave an update on the status of the Green/Health Fair and discussed some of the confirmed exhibitors. She said that any vendor interested in participating will be required to bring a door prize in lieu of paying to exhibit. The vendor deadline is March 30.

Protecting Your Trees and Shrubs From Hungry Deer

March 26, 2015 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mahwah Senior Activity Center

Mrs. LaGreca reminded the group that we are sponsoring a deer presentation to show residents how to plant to minimize the impact of wildlife destruction. She said a lot of people have asked her about the event, so she is hopeful there will be good attendance.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY UPDATES

Mr. Wolf briefly explained the Sustainable Jersey program to the visiting students and gave an overview of the work we are doing toward our certification.

Mrs. Meisel printed out the Getting to Resilience Report and distributed copies to Mrs. LaGreca. She will compile the data after the pertinent people fill out the reports.

Mrs. LaGreca said we need to take updated pictures of the Green Team members. She also asked Mr. Seibert to have his information on paper shredding days by the next meeting.

Mr. Wolf said Mr. Marcus met with Planning Board Chair Todd Scherer and they have developed a plan to tie the Natural Resource Environmental Inventory Report into the Township's Master Plan to receive credit toward our Sustainable Jersey certification.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Ron Knight, Peterson Place, Block 139, Lot 25

E-BD-216-2782

The Environmental Commission reviewed the Soil Movement Permit and Tree Preservation Applications submitted by Ron Knight for the construction of a new home located on Peterson Place. Please note that under the soil movement permit "description of soil to be moved," the figures need correction (page 1). The volume of cut plus import must equal fill plus export. We also request clarification on the structures located on the property and the amount of soil to be used for the project, which seems underestimated if including a pool, barn and garage.

The Tree Preservation Application states there are currently 48 trees on the site. There will be no trees removed or replaced. This Tree Preservation Application is approved.

Eric Pallokat, 38 Crocker Mansion Drive, Block 21.03, Lot 18

E-BD-216-304-602

The Environmental Commission reviewed the Soil Movement Permit and Tree Preservation Applications submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Pallokat for the construction of an in-ground swimming pool and patio on their property. The Soil Movement Permit Application is approved.

The Tree Preservation Application states one 4" ornamental tree will be removed in conjunction with the pool permit. This Tree Preservation Application is approved.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

- Glatt Air Techniques, Inc., 575 Corporate Drive, Block 137, Lot 11, TA 15-0007
Pharmaceutical equipment sales and product manufacturing

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Letter from Boswell Engineering regarding an application for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit No. 26, which involved the removal of approximately 495 L.F. of accumulated sediment and debris from a proposed section of the Ramapo River.
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- Copy of a letter from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to Mr. & Mrs. Stone of 335 Campgaw Road regarding the removal of one 550-gallon #2 heating oil underground storage tank system on their property.
- Copy of a letter from Stonefield Engineering and Design regarding a major access permit application for a proposed shopping center located at 380 Route 17.
- Press release from the Woman Gardeners of Ridgewood hosting an April 9 lecture by garden designer and author David Culp.
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wolf asked the students if they had any questions about the Environmental Commission.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Wolf; seconded by Mr. Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary