

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Janet Ariemma
Michael Devaney
Karin LaGreca
Carol Phiefer
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf

Ward Donigian, Planning Board Liaison (arrived at 8:46 p.m.)
Jennifer Storms, Secretary

The minutes of the meeting held on March 14, 2018 were approved as submitted following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Devaney. LaGreca abstained. All other members were in favor.

Wolf introduced Joseph Rude from Powur to the meeting. Rude is an independent advisor at Powur, a nationwide network of solar providers. Discussing the benefits of solar energy, Rude highlighted federal and local incentives and solar renewable energy credits. Members discussed different ways to promote the use of solar energy around town. LaGreca is going to do some research and we will discuss potential ideas at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Update

LaGreca gave an update on the status of our Sustainable Jersey efforts.

Member ID Cards

Storms distributed the new identification cards to members.

Budget Update

Wolf said our budget for Professional Services was cut to \$15,000. This would impact our plans for a part-time arborist and a consultant for Sustainable Jersey. Wolf said we will still move forward with our anti-dumping enforcement program; we just need to look into grant opportunities to support the program.

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

Wolf is coordinating details for the upcoming Mayor's Water Quality Forum.

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

Wolf said the Environmental Commission received 1,500 trees this year, which we need to pick up on April 19. Wolf said we need to coordinate the pickup and setup with DPW.

Orange & Rockland Vegetation Management Plan

Ariemma is still working to coordinate a meeting with representatives from Orange & Rockland, DPW and commission members.

Ramapo College Student Research

LaGreca said her college students plan to start their preliminary wetlands research in town over the new few weeks. She will coordinate with Donigian.

Artificial Floating Island – Saturday, June 16

LaGreca and resident Tom McKeon, 70 Malcolm Road, gave an update regarding the local Boy Scout troop's donation of an artificial floating island at Winter's Pond. They discussed the plants the troop is going to purchase for the island. The installation of the island is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2018.

Well Maintenance Proposal

Wolf said he provided the business administrator with our comments regarding capacity and prior job experience for the well maintenance request for proposals. Seibert said he had no other additional concerns.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

None received

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Snow Joe DC, LLC, 100 Performance Drive, Block 26, Lot 1.03, TA18-0011

Warehouse with ancillary offices

J and J Automotive, 40 Franklin Turnpike, Block 68, Lot 5, TA18-0012

Auto repair

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Flyer regarding “Co-existing With Wildlife” Seminar, April 4, Mahwah Municipal Building
- Email from CDP Cities regarding 2018 webinar series
- Email from the NY/NJ Trail Conference regarding upcoming events
- Copy of an ordinance from Oakland amending the revised general use restrictions in all zones
- Email regarding the 2018 NJ Urban Community Forestry Stewardship Grant

- Email newsletter from the Joyce Kilmer Society of Mahwah, March 2018 issue
- Copy of an email from DEP regarding the remediation of an area of concern for 711 Ramapo Valley Road
- Copy of an email from Boswell Engineering regarding a Response Action Outcome for the remediation of 1 Scherer Place
- Copy of a Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form from DEP regarding the Mahwah School District Maintenance Garage, 50 Ridge Road
- Email press release from the Ridgewood Shade Tree Commission regarding Risk Assessment in Municipal Arboriculture: The Graydon Sycamore Case Study
- Copy of an email from Boswell Engineering regarding a Response Action Outcome for the remediation of 184-190 Franklin Turnpike
- Copy of an email from EcolSciences, Inc. regarding a Response Action Outcome for the remediation of 1595 MacArthur Boulevard
- Copy of a letter from SRG regarding a Remedial Action Report for 130 Route 17 South
- Copy of a notice of public hearing for the Mahwah Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESS

Informational Article – “Not a myth, but a monster in the deep blue sea”

Seibert distributed a recent article that appeared in the Record regarding the “The Great Pacific Garbage Patch.”

Small Farm Initiative

LaGreca met with a representative from an online farm-to-table initiative that supports local sustainable farms. Members discussed ways to support this initiative throughout town.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. following a motion by Wolf; seconded by Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary