

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chairman. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Jonathan Marcus
Carol Phiefer
Richard Reilly
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf
Jennifer Storms (secretary)

Karin LaGreca, Sustainable Jersey Consultant
Students from Mahwah High School

Absent: Linda Meisel
Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2015 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mr. Wolf. All were in favor.

The minutes of the meeting held on March 11, 2015 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Reilly; seconded by Mr. Wolf. All were in favor.

The minutes of the meeting held on March 25, 2015 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Seibert; seconded by Mr. Reilly. Mr. Marcus abstained.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Protecting Your Trees and Shrubs From Hungry Deer

Mrs. LaGreca said the deer presentation held on March 26 went very well. Although it did not have a huge turnout, attendees found it very informative. Mr. Wolf also gave the visiting Mahwah High School students a brief overview of the seminar.

Rain Garden Initiatives

Mr. Wolf announced that the rain garden concept might be incorporated into the next phase of the Winter's Park revitalization.

Emergency Management – Flood Control Questionnaire

Mr. Wolf and Mrs. LaGreca have scheduled a meeting with township officials to discuss the Emergency Management - Flood Control questionnaire for our Sustainable Jersey

certification. The meeting is scheduled for April 30 at 9 a.m. Mrs. LaGreca said she also reached out to a representative from the Resiliency Network, who will meet with her and Mr. Wolf to show them how to administer the questionnaire. This planning meeting is scheduled for April 23 at 9 a.m. Mrs. Storms will reserve Conference Room 319 for both meetings.

Mayor's Wellness Day - Green/Health Fair

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

Mahwah Senior Activity Center

Mr. Wolf gave an overview to the visiting students of our involvement in the upcoming Mayor's Wellness Day. Green topics will highlight the four main environmental goals of the Township's Master Plan - water conservation/management, energy conservation, transportation alternatives and recycling. The Environmental Commission will have a booth and distribute our reusable bags.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY UPDATES

Shredding Program

Mr. Wolf thanked Mr. Seibert for his work on a shredding program report that outlines the details of our next paper shredding initiative, which is scheduled for April 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Environmental Resource Inventory

Mr. Marcus confirmed our Environmental Resource Inventory is not a part of the town's Master Plan. He plans to speak to Dave Roberts, Todd Scherer and the Planning Board to discuss the next steps we need to take to formally incorporate it into the Master Plan. In order to receive credit for Sustainable Jersey, it must be included in our Master Plan.

Visual Recycling Flyer

Mrs. LaGreca asked Mrs. Phiefer to provide her with some language for a visual recycling flyer, which she will have printed.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Lake Henry Cleanup

Mrs. LaGreca said she has received some comments that Lake Henry is a mess, and she wanted to know if anyone had seen it recently and what it looked like. She is going to ask a group of her Ramapo students to participate in a cleanup around the lake.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Coremark Mahwah 17, LLC, 380 NJ State Highway Route 17, Block 137, Lot 4

Docket #564PF & 564PF(S)

The Environmental Commission reviewed the Preliminary/Final Site Plan and Soil Movement Permit Application submitted by Coremark Mahwah 17, LLC for a proposed multi-tenant retail building with drive-thru. The Site Plan is accepted, however we request the Zoning Board to consider the applicant's variance requests related to parking. Too much congestion on the property could lead to safety concerns and overcrowding.

The Soil Movement Permit Application is approved, however we request clarification on the type of soil the applicant plans to import. Please note that under the Soil Movement Permit “Description of Soil to be Moved,” the soil type listed under “volume to be imported” should be clarified. We request the applicant list the type of soil they plan to import in the amount of 67 cubic yards.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Mahwah NL Cedars Developer, LLC, 11 Arbor Lane, Block 126, Lot 129.04
E-BD-216-2789

The Environmental Commission reviewed the Soil Movement Permit and Tree Preservation Applications submitted by Mahwah NL Cedars Developer, LLC to construct a new single family home at 11 Arbor Lane. The Soil Movement Permit Application is approved.

The Tree Preservation Application states there are currently no trees on the site. Four trees will be added on the property and eight will be planted along the roadway. This Tree Preservation Application is approved.

Lindsey Insera, 735 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 23.01, Lot 1
E-BD-216-304-603

The Environmental Commission reviewed the Soil Movement Permit and Tree Preservation Applications submitted by Lindsey Insera to install an in-ground swimming pool on the property of 735 Ramapo Valley Road. The Soil Movement Permit Application is approved.

The Tree Preservation Application states no trees will be removed or replaced. This Tree Preservation Application is approved.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

- Stack Sports, LLC, 300 Route 17 South, Suite G, Block 137, Lot 1, TA 15-0008
Sports training facility

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a township resolution conditionally approving an amended site plan approval for Docket #563 – Wendy Mechanic, Mechanic Properties, LLC, located at 180 Franklin Turnpike, Block 71, Lot 10.
- Copy of a township resolution conditionally approving an amended major subdivision and amended soil movement permit approval for Docket #524A – Mahwah NL Cedars Developer, LLC, located at Block 126, Lots 127, 129.01-129.03, 129.06 and 129.07.
- Participant Form for the 21st Annual Mahwah Day, scheduled for September 19, 2015.
- Copy of a change of ownership notification of a Response Action Outcome issued February 13, 2013.

- 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 8:44 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mr. Reilly. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary