

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017**

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 Seibert, Vice Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Janet Ariemma
Michael Devaney
Richard Reilly
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf (arrived 7:45 p.m.)

Ward Donigian, Planning Board Liaison (arrived 7:49 p.m.)
Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Salil Bhatnagar, Mahwah High School student
Joseph Kayal, Mahwah High School student
Peg Bost, Deerhaven resident

Absent: Karin LaGreca
Carol Phiefer

The minutes of the meeting held on March 22, 2017 were approved as submitted following a motion by Devaney; seconded by Reilly. All other members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Recovery Campaign 2017

We are receiving for 2,000 trees this year. DPW will pick up the trees on April 21, 2017. Our giveaway event will take place on Earth Day, April 22, 2017, at 10 a.m. Seibert said all members should arrive at Town Hall by 8 a.m. the morning of the event.

Tree Preservation Education

Deerhaven resident Peg Bost said she recently attended an Arbor Day event that addressed the importance of educating people about tree preservation. She said there are companies out there who recommend people remove trees that do not necessarily need to be removed. She passed out some educational materials.

State v. Jay Patel Litigation Update

Wolf said that the municipal court hearing was held on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Wolf, Devaney, LaGreca and Donigian attended. The municipal court judge agreed to postpone the hearing to a future date. Wolf said they had the opportunity to discuss with the prosecuting attorney what penalties we would recommend.

Municipal Tree Ordinance Changes

Members discussed the importance of the municipal tree ordinance changes we are proposing, as well as educating the community on the importance of tree preservation.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

19 Hines LLC – Minor S/D, 125 Second Street, Block 54, Lot 11, Docket #581

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Planning Board Application proposing a minor subdivision on the property.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

Members requested further information on the flood zone implication and tree removal proposal.

The Site Plan review was accepted with the above comment following a motion made by Reilly; seconded by Wolf. All were in favor.

The Land Conservancy of NJ – Minor S/D, 30 & 34 Split Rock Road, Block 12, Lots 25 & 26, Docket #582

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Emil Ekroth, 45 Edison Road, Block 173, Lot 123, Docket #1419-17

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Board of Adjustment Application proposing an accessory building on the property.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

The property is currently listed as contaminated. Members requested the need to ensure any construction does not disturb contaminants.

The Site Plan review was accepted with the above comment following a motion made by Seibert; seconded by Devaney. All were in favor.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

None received

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Stephan Majka, 558 Campgaw Road, Block 147, Lot 23, TA17-0020

Horse boarding

Comments:

Members noted the Health Department should ensure there is a proper plan for removal of animal waste.

Cartridge World, 76A Ramapo Valley Road, Block 40, Lot 63, TA17-0021

Retail of cartridges

Comments:

Tenant should be encouraged to develop a plan for disposal of recycling of old cartridges.

Inner Thoughts, 190 Franklin Turnpike, Block 71, Lots 18 & 19, TA17-0022

Life coach and advisor/retail, oils, tarot cards, etc.

Ramsey Chrysler, 63 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 41, Lot 1, TA17-0023

Auto dealership

Comments:

Please ensure normal DEP compliance regarding capture and clean-up of oil spills.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a letter from MAP Engineering regarding a Flood Hazard Riparian Buffer Determination for Stag Hill Road, Block 130, Lot 1
- Copy of a letter from Lehman & Getz Engineers regarding a Flood Hazard Area Permit for the Beltramini Property, 1 Midvale Mountain Road, Block 1, Lot 157
- Copy of a letter from Conklin Associates regarding a Highlands Exemption for Lot 17, Block 154, Skytop Drive
- New Jersey Shade Tree Federation Membership Cards
- Email from the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference regarding trail store hours
- Invitation for retirement party for Pearl Vincas
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESSResident Feedback

Wolf said we received an email from a resident of Mahwah who is interested in learning how to support the town to certify as a sustainable community. He followed up with the resident and encouraged her to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss any ideas.

Laptop Connection

Ariemma noted that we now have a longer wire to connect to the conference room television/monitor during our meetings. Wolf said we will test it out after the meeting.

Pilgrim Pipeline Update

Peg Bost gave an update on the status of the activity of the Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline. Pilgrim has not yet submitted permit applications to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Bost said approximately 6 million New Jersey residents could

be affected if there is an oil leak. She said the Coalition will not stop fighting the pipeline.

Wellhead Ordinance Proposal

Members discussed the town's new wellhead ordinance proposal.

Northjersey.com Article

Seibert distributed an informational article entitled "Long process to treat sewage water."

ANJEC Open Space Grant Submission

Wolf said he submitted an ANJEC Open Space Grant request for \$1,500 to support the Robotics Team Clean Water Initiative.

Water Quality Symposium Ideas

Wolf discussed our ideas with the Township Business Administrator. He said our next water quality update will be next year, which will coincide with the opening of our Rain Garden. Wolf said he would like to speak to Ridgewood to see how they run their Water Quality Forums.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Wolf. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary