

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017**

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

Present: Janet Ariemma
Karin LaGreca
Richard Reilly
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf

Ward Donigian, Planning Board Liaison
Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Students from Mahwah High School

Absent: Michael Devaney
Carol Phiefer

The minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2017 were approved as submitted following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Reilly. LaGreca abstained. All other members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Giveaway – April 22, 2017

We gave out approximately 1,500 trees on April 22. We have received permission to give out the rest of the trees this weekend at the Town Garage Sale. Seibert will coordinate with DPW. Wolf said volunteers are welcome. LaGreca and Seibert said they attend.

State v. Jay Patel Litigation Update

Wolf gave an update on the status of the civil hearing. He said the next municipal court hearing is scheduled for May 11, 2017. Members discussed the penalties and remediation plan they would like to recommend to the court.

Sustainable Jersey Grants

LaGreca said we are still waiting to hear on the status of our Sustainable Jersey grant requests.

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.

Shade Tree Commission

A group of Mahwah High School students attended a recent Environmental Commission meeting and expressed an interest in establishing a Shade Tree Commission in town. Wolf said the students attended Ramsey's last Shade Tree Commission meeting to learn more about supporting the creation of a Mahwah Shade Tree Commission.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Sharp Plaza SG Holdings, LLC, 10 Sharp Plaza, Block 26, Lot 1.02, Docket #1392-15(S)

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of a warehouse/office building.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

Please ensure compliance with DEP and soil regulations regarding movement of contaminated soil near wetlands.

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

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Ikegami Electronics USA, Inc., 300 State Highway 17 South, Block 137, Lot 1, TA17-0024

Sales and service of broadcast/CCTV equipment

Matts Basketball Camp, 300 Corporate Drive, Block 136, Lot 8, TA17-0025

Sports/Basketball

Hong Ik Martial Arts, 190 Franklin Turnpike #4, Block 71, Lots 18 & 19, TA17-0027

Tae Kwon Do

Mahwah Hair Salon, 109 Miller Road, Block 72, Lots 16 & 17, TA17-0026

Barber/Hair Salon

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Email from CDP Cities regarding upcoming webinars
- Email from the Grant Training Center regarding a two-day grant development workshop at Rutgers University
- Email from the Sustainable City Network regarding an online course about tree plagues. Storms will look into any relevant training sessions for members.
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESS**Former Apex Property**

Seibert distributed photos of the former Apex Property at the end of Railroad Avenue. Storms will ask the Board of Health for the monitoring reports and testing results from the site.

Water Quality Symposium

Wolf said the Mayor is interested in holding a forum to present the town's latest water quality test results from the Bergen County Public Safety Complex. Wolf discussed a Water Symposium with Township Administrator Quentin Wiest, who said he would support a public forum to address water issues. The Mayor asked Wolf if the Environmental Commission will cosponsor the forum. Members discussed finding an expert to speak at the forum to address residents' concerns and questions.

Resident Feedback

The town received an email from a Mahwah resident asking who is responsible for cleaning up the roadway around Darlington Avenue and Route 202. The resident contacted the county and was told that the town would be responsible for this type of cleanup. Wolf said the DPW is going to send out a Bergen County work release crew to clean the surrounding area.

At our last meeting, 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. LaGreca asked if we had heard back from the resident. Wolf said he followed up with the resident and encouraged her to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss any ideas.

Wellhead Ordinance Proposal

Donigian said the Planning Board reviewed the town's new wellhead ordinance proposal. Members discussed the importance of limiting development around wellheads.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:21 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Wolf. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary