

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

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

Mahwah High School students

Absent: Linda Meisel
Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on April 13, 2016 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Reilly; seconded by Mr. Marcus. All members were in favor.

Mr. Wolf welcomed the visiting students in attendance. He encouraged the students to ask any questions they had throughout the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Testing

Mr. Marcus said he was approached by several residents concerning the water quality at our school drinking fountains. He said the Board of Education informed the Mayor that they have tested all of the water fountains in our schools and they are all completely safe. Test results are available from the Board of Education for any interested residents.

Teterboro Airport FAA Flight Pattern Change

Members discussed the flight pattern testing recently implemented at Teterboro Airport. Mr. Marcus said the Mayor continues to meet with FAA representatives regarding the issue.

Ramsey Shade Tree Commission

The Commission received a call from a member of the Ramsey Shade Tree Commission, who requested permission to use our "Deer Menu" handout. Mr. Wolf gave him permission to use the handout and asked them to attribute the handout to its author, George Esty.

Homeowner Inquiry

The Commission received a call from a resident who asked whether we plant trees for new residents in town. She recently purchased a property in town that also backs her property in Ramsey, and wanted to know if the town will plant a tree on the property. Ramsey does this through the town's Shade Tree Commission, however we do not. Mr. Wolf will follow up with the resident.

Mahwah Shade Tree Commission

Mr. Wolf raised the idea of forming a Shade Tree Commission in town. All members were in favor. Mr. Marcus said he will begin researching it.

SITE PLAN REVIEWSAnna Jahn Trust, 16 Jahn Court, Block 152, Lots 68 & 69, Docket #574

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Planning Board Application submitted by Anna Jahn Trust for 16 Jahn Court.

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Reilly; seconded by Mrs. Phiefer. All were in favor.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following soil movement permit applications were reviewed:

Zoccoli Associates, 16 Fairmount, Block 173, Lot 120.02, BOA#1276-08(S3)

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Tree Preservation Application submitted by Zoccoli Associates for the construction of a new home. The Commission reviewed and approved the related Soil Movement Permit Application at its April 13, 2016 meeting. During that meeting, we asked the applicant to confirm if there was any tree removal required beyond the four trees noted on the site plan. The Tree Preservation Application indicates four trees will be removed and replaced with two Maples and two Oaks.

The Tree Preservation Application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Wolf; seconded by Mr. Marcus. All were in favor.

Steven Balcof & Samantha Palmer, 16 Peterson Place, Block 139, Lot 20, E-BD-216-2891

At its April 13, 2016 meeting, the Environmental Commission reviewed an updated Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application submitted by Steven Balcof & Samantha Palmer for the construction of a new home. During that meeting, we recommended that the applicant keep the seven trees on the outer edge of the disturbance area (outside the construction area). We also recommended the mature trees remain as there is no need to remove them. The amended Tree Preservation Application indicates the number of trees to be removed was decreased as per our comments on April 13, 2016. There are total of 85 trees on the site; 37 trees will be removed and replaced with 13 trees.

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mrs. Phiefer. All were in favor.

Michael Trizano/Green Energy Source, LLC, 25 Avenue A, Block 54, Lot 27.02, E-BD-216-2898

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application submitted by Green Energy Source, LLC for a sewer and water hook-up on the property. The related Tree Preservation Application indicates 3 trees were previously removed on December 26, 2015 and will be replaced with 1 tree.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

This application is approved subject to clarification that the soil movement numbers are for both properties and should be separated (Lots 27.02 and 27.03).

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mrs. Phiefer. All were in favor.

Michael Trizano/Green Energy Source, LLC, 21 Avenue A, Block 54, Lot 27.03, E-BD-216-2897

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application submitted by Green Energy Source, LLC for a new single-family modular home on an existing vacant lot. The related Tree Preservation Application indicates 2 trees were previously removed on December 26, 2015 and will be replaced with 1 tree.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

This application is approved subject to clarification that the soil movement numbers are for both properties and should be separated (Lots 27.02 and 27.03).

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Wolf; seconded by Mr. Marcus. All were in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed:

George A. Sherman, 164 Franklin Turnpike, Block 71, Lot 9, TA16-0020

Personal storage for resident's antique cars

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Reilly; seconded by Mr. Wolf. All were in favor.

Sherwood Training Group, LLC, 1200 MacArthur Blvd, Block 139, Lot 2, TA16-0021

Corporate trade

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Reilly; seconded by Mr. Wolf. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a notice of DEP Application for Apple Ridge, Block 401, Lots 2 and 4.
- Invitation to attend the Bergen County Environmental Conference slated for Thursday, May 19, 2016.
- Response from Carmine Gallo, Regional Administrator of the FAA, regarding the proposed change in the Charted Visual Flight Procedure Test for Runway 19 at Teterboro Airport.
- Copy of a Freshwater Wetlands Application checklist regarding the Express Scripts property at Parsons Pond Drive and Wyckoff Avenue.
- Invitation to attend the Ridgewood Share Tree Commission's Ash Tree Presentation on May 5, 2016.
- Copy of a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit submitted by Tennessee Gas Pipeline.
- Copy of a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit submitted by Mahwah Properties, LLC.
- Copies of the 2014-2015 Municipal Excess Liability and Joint Insurance Fund Annual Report.
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 NJDEP Tree Recovery Campaign - April 23rd Tree Giveaway

The town's Tree Giveaway held on April 23 was a huge success – we gave out more than 1,000 trees in two hours. Mr. Wolf and Mr. Marcus said social media was a big help in promoting the event. We look forward to doing it again next year. Members briefly discussed how to do things differently next year to make it an even bigger success.

Sustainable Jersey Flood Preparedness Update

As part of our Sustainable Jersey certification, we created a flood preparedness checklist and risk assessment. We received a copy of the 2014-2015 Joint Insurance Fund Annual Report (filed under Correspondence), which is tied into what we have done through Sustainable Jersey.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mr. Reilly. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary