

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015**

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, 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 Suffern High School (arrived at 7:49 p.m.)

Absent: Linda Meisel
Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on April 22, 2015 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Seibert; seconded by Mr. Wolf. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor's Wellness Day - Green/Health Fair

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

Mahwah Senior Activity Center

Mr. Wolf and Mrs. LaGreca gave a final update on the details of the event, which is scheduled for Saturday. We will have four tables at the fair. Event setup begins at 8 a.m. the morning of the event. Green topics will highlight the four main environmental goals of the Township's Master Plan - water conservation/management, energy conservation, transportation alternatives and recycling.

Emergency Management – Flood Control Questionnaire

Mr. Wolf and Mrs. LaGreca went through the questionnaire with town officials and sent it out. Mrs. LaGreca received all the signatures needed to submit it to Sustainable Jersey for certification. Mr. Wolf will also prepare a summary from their meeting to submit to Sustainable Jersey. Two benefits of using the questionnaire are that we can file for points under Sustainable Jersey, as well as file for certification under a federal program that will reduce the town's flood insurance rates.

Beautification Committee Project Update

Mr. Wolf gave an update on the status of the Beautification Committee's plans for a rain garden near the train station. He said the Township Business Administrator does not believe NJ Transit will allow any significant digging on the east-facing hillside where the

Committee was originally planning to install the rain garden. Instead, we are going to try and have the rain garden placed in Veteran's Park or somewhere behind the parking lot on the west side of the train tracks.

Passaic River Coalition Property in Mahwah - Block 40, Lots 3, 4 and 5

Mr. Wolf spoke to the Business Administrator regarding taking title to this property from the Passaic River Coalition. Despite commission members' initial concerns about potential liability issues related to the property, the town is willing to move forward with adding it to its open space inventory. Town officials are looking into how they can affect the transfer.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Wolf briefly explained the Sustainable Jersey program to the visiting high school students. Mrs. LaGreca went over all of the various pieces she is submitting for our Sustainable Jersey certification. She said everything she submits should provide us with about 200 points overall toward our certification.

Environmental Resource Inventory

The public meeting during which the Planning Board was slated to discuss the town's Environmental Resource Inventory was canceled last week. The meeting has been rescheduled for May 18.

Shredding Program

Mrs. LaGreca asked if we had received the tonnage report yet from our April 11 paper-shredding day. Mrs. Storms confirmed the Mayor's Office has not yet received it. The Mayor's Office will ask the company for an update and forward us a copy as soon as it is available.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Mr. Wolf described to the students the Commission's role in reviewing Site Plans.

The Trustees of the Carmelite Fathers, 1071 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 23, Lot 45

Docket #566

Site Plan for minor subdivision at Mount Carmel Retreat

All commission members were in favor of approving this Site Plan contingent on review and approval from the NJ Highlands Commission.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Nicole DeCarlo & Christopher Castiglia, 115 Armour Road, Block 106, Lot 9.02

E-BD-216-2803

Memo to Administrative Officer:

"The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application submitted by Nicole DeCarlo & Christopher Castiglia to construct a single family dwelling, driveway, walks and patio at 115 Armour Road. The Soil Movement Permit Application is approved.

The Tree Preservation Application is also approved. The application states there are currently 30 trees on the site, 12 of which will be removed and replaced with three trees (zelkova).”

cc: Township Engineer

Castle Developers, LLC, 116 Kilmer Road, Block 106, Lot 9.03

E-BD-216-2809

Memo to Administrative Officer:

“The Environmental Commission reviewed the Soil Movement Permit Application submitted by Castle Developers, LLC to construct a single family dwelling, driveway, walks and patio at 116 Kilmer Road. Please have the applicant explain they type of soil they are importing onto this lot. The Environmental Commission recommends that any soil imported come from the property being developed next door, which appears to be the same owner/developer (115 Armour Road, E-BD-216-2803). Please also have the applicant clarify the total runoff listed on page 2 of the attached Drainage Design, as it appears to be the same figure listed for the 115 Armour Road application.

The Tree Preservation Application states there are currently 26 trees on the site, 17 of which will be removed and replaced with five trees (zelkova). The Tree Preservation Application is approved. ”

cc: Township Engineer

Todd Langenmayr, 107 Tam-O-Shanter Drive, Block 118, Lot 43

E-BD-216-304-605

Memo to Administrative Officer:

“The Environmental Commission reviewed the Soil Movement Permit Application submitted by Todd Langenmayr for the installation of a swimming pool at 107 Tom-O-Shanter Drive. Please have the applicant identify the soil they plan to import and from where. We also request additional information as to why there is more soil being imported than cut for an in-ground pool.

The Tree Preservation Application states there are currently more than 20 trees on the site, seven of which will be removed with zero proposed replacements. There is a required minimum of at least two replacement trees on the property. Please have the applicant clarify why they are removing trees for fill only. This Tree Preservation Application is returned pending further clarification from the applicant.”

cc: Township Engineer

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant application was reviewed and approved:

- Ramsey Subaru, 440 Franklin Turnpike, Block 110.01, Lot 7, TA 15-0010
New car storage

SITE PLAN REVIEWS, CONTINUED

Apple Ridge Mahwah, LLC, 269 East Crescent Avenue, Block 127, Lot(s) 1, 3-7

Docket #559PF

Site Plan for major subdivision

Members briefly discussed the overall site plan and soil movement permit application for a subdivision of the golf course/country club into 34 properties. Mr. Seibert would like to research the remediation process before the Commission's next meeting. Mr. Marcus also briefly explained the remediation process to the students.

No comments were made to the Planning Board at this time. A vote was deferred until our next meeting pending further review of the plan. The plan is available in the Environmental Commission's office for review.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Invitation to attend and exhibit at the 2015 Green Up Outdoor vendor show at Van Saun Park on June 9, 2015, sponsored by the Bergen County Utilities Authority.
- Email from the Municipal Clerk of Allendale requesting a copy of an ordinance regarding our Sustainable Mahwah certification. Mr. Wolf will respond to this request.
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices.

NEW BUSINESS**Turner Lake**

Mr. Wolf received an email from a resident regarding an issue at Turner Lake. The resident said it is full of lily pads and algae. They would like to know if there is some way to clean it up. Mr. Wolf is going to ask the Business Administrator who owns the property.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:26 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Wolf; seconded by Mr. Marcus. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary