

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019**

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

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
 Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison
 Tom McKeon
 Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison
 Carol Phiefer
 Richard Seibert, Vice Chair

 Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Karin LaGreca

The minutes of the meeting held on May 22, 2019 were approved as submitted following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Pallotta. All other present members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Artificial Turf Update

Wolf said tomorrow the town will hear a presentation by an artificial turf company. Wolf spoke to the business administrator today, who informed him the mayor plans to make a recommendation by the end of June after researching options. Once approved, the town will go out to bid on the selected product. Tom McKeon has done a significant amount of research on the issue. He said there are many options available, and each option has advantages and drawbacks. Seibert is still trying to get a price on sod to compare to the cost of grass. Members discussed.

Plastic Straw/Bag Ban

Seibert distributed an informational article regarding Paramus wanting to ban use of plastic bags at stores and malls.

Plastic Pollution

Seibert distributed an article regarding the effects of plastic pollution in the ocean.

Stag Hill Tire Collection

Pallotta gave an update on the June 8 hazardous waste cleanup with MEVO. Members discussed the grant we received from the Bergen County Utilities Authority.

MEVO Stag Hill Update

Wolf spoke to Mayor Roth regarding the use of cameras on Stag Hill. We are going to provide MEVO with a copy of the tax map of the area, who will prepare recommendations for the types of and locations of cameras.

Community Forestry Management Plan

Wolf spoke to the business administrator about obtaining multiple quotes to hire an arborist for the development of a community forestry management plan. To date, he has not been able to obtain quotes from more than one vendor. The business administrator gave Wolf permission to move forward with our preferred vendor. He said in our purchase requisition, we should also include any correspondence with other vendors from whom we requested quotes. Wolf said we will do the same thing with our proposal for Stag Hill.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

APML1 LLC, 555 MacArthur Blvd., Block 135, Lot 61.02, Docket #1463-19

The Environmental Commission reviewed an application for preliminary and final site plan approval with use and bulk variance relief as well as soil movement.

Comments to Administrative Officer

Please ensure the applicant submits a Tree Preservation Application if removing trees from the property. Please also ensure any soil brought onto the site is tested before being imported. The Environmental Commission also suggests the applicant consider adding more rain gardens between the parking area and wetlands, as well as consider utilizing additional green infrastructure such as a green roof. Lastly, the Environmental Commission requests the applicant consider the use of new pervious coverage materials given the amount of impervious coverage being proposed on the property.

The review of this application was accepted with the above following a motion made by Wolf; seconded by Pallotta. Ariemma voted against the application, stating she does not believe this is an appropriate location for a warehouse. All other members were in favor.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

David & Susan Winters, 153 Stag Hill Road, Block 12, Lot 36, Docket #1451-18(S)

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a new single-family dwelling with related improvements. The related Tree Preservation Application indicates there are a total of 37 trees on the property, of which 19 will be removed and replaced with five Red Maples.

Comments to Administrative Officer

Please have the applicant clarify the elevations on the property where the septic system is located in relation to the existing well.

The review of this application was rejected following a motion made by Seibert; seconded by Ariemma. All other members were in favor.

Toll NJ, IV, LLC, 7 Braeburn Court, Block 127, Lot 41, E-BD-216-3157

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a new single-family dwelling. There is no tree removal indicated.

The review of this application was accepted following a motion made by Wolf; seconded by Pallotta. All other members were in favor.

Frank Novello, 19 Dogwood Court, Block 159, Lot 46, E-BD-216-304-665

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a swimming pool and patio. There is no tree removal indicated.

Comments to Administrative Officer

Please have the applicant clarify the number of trees to be removed on the property.

The review of this application was postponed pending further information following a motion made by Wolf; seconded by Phiefer. All other members were in favor.

Hal Heidt, 151 Miller Road, Block 75, Lot 13, E-BD-216-304-663

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a new swimming pool, paver patio and fence. The related Tree Preservation Application indicates four trees will be removed and replaced with two Cornus Kousas (Dogwood).

Comments to Administrative Officer

There are 8 trees counted on the site plan, however the tree preservation application indicates only four trees will be removed. If the applicant is removing 8 trees from the property, they are required to make two replacements from the approved list of native and deciduous trees. Please note Dogwood trees are not on the approved list. The Environmental Commission requests the Planning Office checks to ensure the trees have not already been removed.

The review of this application was rejected following a motion made by Wolf; seconded by Seibert. All other members were in favor.

Dr. John & Diane Chuback, 14 Finn Court, Block 23.02, Lot 11, E-BD-216-304-664

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a new swimming pool and patio. There is no tree removal indicated.

The review of this application was accepted following a motion made by Wolf; seconded by Pallotta. All other members were in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

New Jersey Imaging Network of Mahwah, 400 Franklin Turnpike, Block 110.01, Lot 4, TA19-0014

Radiology

Tavern 17, 180 State Highway 17S, Block 132, Lot 9, TA19-0015
Restaurant

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Letter from DEP regarding a Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation for Mahwah BP, LLC, Block 41, Lots 1, 2, 9 and 10
- Email from CDP Cities regarding its first ever A List for cities across the world that have received top marks for their commitments to reduce emissions
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESS

New DPW Building

Seibert met with Glenn Dowson to discuss the concept of a new DPW building. He presented a plan he prepared for discussion among members.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:59 p.m. following a motion by Pallotta; seconded by Phiefer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary