

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Richard Seibert, Vice Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present:       Richard Seibert, Vice Chair  
                  Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison  
                  Karin LaGreca  
                  Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison  
  
                  Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent:         Tom McKeon  
                  Carol Phiefer  
                  Richard Wolf, Chair

There was no quorum to approve the minutes for the meeting held on June 12, 2019. Approval was deferred to the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Anti-Dumping Ordinance

LaGreca asked if the anti-dumping ordinance was approved, so we can move forward with signage for Stag Hill. Ariemma will confirm.

Rain Garden

LaGreca said the rain garden is doing well. She is currently working on the third phase of the project.

MEVO Stag Hill Update

LaGreca said we received a third quote for the hiring of a consultant for the Stag Hill remediation. MEVO was the lowest bidder and will be awarded the project. Storms will prepare a purchase requisition.

Sustainable Jersey Summit

LaGreca recently attended a summit regarding cleaning up your recycling stream. She said one of the biggest issues faced by recycling centers is receiving plastic items that are not recyclable.

**SITE PLAN REVIEWS**

OSAN USA Inc., Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision Application, Chestnut Street, Block 167, Lot 45, Docket #602

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Planning Board Application Review Report for a major subdivision plan.

*Comments to Administrative Officer*

Review accepted pending further information from the applicant, including Soil Movement and Tree Preservation Applications.

The review of this application was accepted with the above comment following a motion made by LaGreca; seconded by Pallotta. All other members were in favor.

Estate of Arnold L. Van Dunk & Madeleine Van Dunk, C/O Diane Blednick, Executor/Minor Subdivision & Waiver, 111 Stag Hill Road, Block 7, Lots 2-11, Docket #601

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Planning Board Application Review Report for a minor subdivision plan.

*Comments to Administrative Officer*

Please ensure the site plan indicates the elevations of the properties. Review accepted pending further information from the applicant, including Soil Movement and Tree Preservation Applications.

The review of this application was accepted with the above comments a motion made by LaGreca; seconded by Pallotta. All other members were in favor.

**SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**Maria Gorczyca, 30 Mountain Road, Block 2, Lots 2 & 3, Docket #1454-19S

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a new single-family dwelling on an existing vacant lot including septic and driveway. The Tree Preservation Application indicates 60 trees to be removed, with 20 trees to be added.

*Comments to Administrative Officer*

Please have the applicant clarify if any soil is being imported onto the property. Please also have the applicant provide the location of where they will plant the new trees.

The review of this application was approved with the above comments following a motion made by LaGreca; seconded by Pallotta. All other members were in favor.

Evan & Trisha Chait, 68 Bellgrove Drive, Block 109. Lot 116, E-BD-216-304-667

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the installation of a steel wall and vinyl liner for an in-ground swimming pool on the property. The Tree Preservation Application indicates two trees will be removed, with new trees being added.

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

**TENANT APPLICATIONS**

The following tenant application was reviewed and approved:

Nail It Handyman, 185 Route 17 North, Block 53, Lot 19, TA19-0016  
*Handyman*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Letter from DEP regarding a Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation for Fire Company #3, Block 123, Lot 17.01
- Marketing brochure from Sir Speedy printing services
- Email newsletter from the Hackensack Riverkeeper
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Wellhead Protection Ordinance

Pallotta said the town council recently passed an affordable housing proposal at the Sheraton Crossroads, which included fueling stations at Crossroads that would violate the township's ordinance on wellhead protection.

#### Bear Sightings

Ariemma said there have been numerous bear sightings in her neighborhood. She contacted Tyco regarding relocating the bear and was told they are unable to relocate them. Ariemma asked if there was anything else she can do to. She said she thinks there should be alternatives to euthanizing nuisance bears.

#### Fall Newsletter Submissions

Newsletter submissions are due August 1, 2019. The fall issue will be delivered the week of September 9 to 13 in order to be out before Mahwah Day on Sept. 21.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. following a motion by Pallotta; seconded by LaGreca. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms  
Secretary