

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Janet Ariemma  
Michael Devaney (arrived 7:31 p.m.)  
Karin LaGreca  
Carol Phiefer  
Richard Seibert  
Richard Wolf

Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Ward Donigian, Planning Board Liaison

The minutes of the meeting held on June 13, 2018 were approved as submitted following a motion by Wolf; seconded by LaGreca. All other members were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Public Launch of Artificial Floating Island – Saturday, June 16

Wolf said the event went very well. He commended resident Tom McKeon for all his work with the local Boy Scout troop.

Rain Garden Issue

LaGreca said we are having significant issues with people over-feeding the water fowl at the Rain Garden. She is exploring ways in which we can discourage visitors from feeding the geese. Members agreed we should look into posting a sign that explains the negative effects of feeding water fowl. LaGreca will coordinate.

Water Quality Report

Seibert distributed the results of the town's latest water quality report for discussion. Members discussed ways in which we can encourage residents to conserve water during the summer months to limit our dependence on Suez Water. LaGreca said she will research what other towns in our area have done to conserve water.

Recycling Center Update

Members discussed the layout of the Recycling Center in Mahwah. Seibert proposed a new layout to improve traffic flow on the site. Wolf suggested we do some more research on the benefits of recycling and updating our recycling center.

River Edge Tree Giveaway

Several weeks ago, the Commission received an email from the Township Clerk regarding the availability of 75 Redbud Trees from the Borough of River Edge. Devaney spoke to River Edge and was told that all the trees are gone. Members discussed exploring possible locations in town to use a holding area to grow and house trees that we can have available as needed.

### **SITE PLAN REVIEWS**

Ms. Sophy Sedarat, Esq., 818 Wyckoff Avenue, Block 179, Lots 6, 7, 8 & 9-11, Docket #1440-18

The Environmental Commission received a Board of Adjustment Application to request a Use Variance for property located at 818 Wyckoff Avenue.

The application review was accepted following a motion by Devaney; seconded by Phiefer. All other members were in favor.

Buick-GMC of Mahwah, 386 Route 17 South, Block 137, Lot 5, Docket #1439-18

The Environmental Commission received a Board of Adjustment Application to request a Use Variance to construct a new service drive addition and interior re-design for property located at 386 Route 17 South.

The application review was accepted following a motion by Wolf; seconded by Devaney. All other members were in favor.

### **SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

Marta Gandy, 8 Mallard Road, Block 139.01, Lot 7.15, E-BD-216-304-650

The Environmental Commission received a Soil Movement Permit Application for the construction of a pool and patio on the property. No tree movement is indicated on the site plan.

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

### **TENANT APPLICATIONS**

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Lifestar Pharma, LLC, 1200 MacArthur Blvd., Block 139, Lot 2, TA18-0025

*Marketing and distribution of generic pharmaceuticals*

Glamour Paws Boutique, 190 Franklin Turnpike, Block 71, Lots 18 & 19, TA18-0026

*Pet grooming/pet store*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a Request for Access to Government Records sent to the Planning & Zoning Office dated June 21, 2018 – Storms searched through the Commission's files and

found nothing that applied to this request. Storms sent the request for information back to the Clerk's Office on June 25, 2018.

- Letter from Orange & Rockland dated June 2018 regarding vegetation management maintenance taking place around town in the coming weeks
- Email newsletters from the Hackensack Riverkeeper and NY/NJ Trail Conference
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Sustainable Jersey – Mahwah Day Booth**

Wolf said we need to coordinate what to do for Mahwah Day this year that will apply for our Sustainable Jersey certification. Members discussed having more recycling barrels made.

#### **Member Update**

Ariemma asked for the status of a new member to serve on the Commission. Wolf said he nominated resident Tom McKeon to serve on the Commission, with two backups.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:21 p.m. following a motion by Wolf; seconded by Devaney. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms  
Secretary