

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2015**

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

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

Wes Barber (Resident, 120 Tam O'Shanter Drive)

Absent: Jonathan Marcus
Linda Meisel
Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on June 10, 2015 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mrs. Phiefer; seconded by Mr. Reilly. All were in favor.

There was no quorum present to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 24, 2015. Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mahwah NL Cedars Developers, LLC
28 Masonic Road, Tree Farm Lane & Arbor Lane
Block 126, Lots 129.01 and 129.05 to 129.07, Docket #524S-1

During the Commission's June 24 meeting, members reviewed correspondence from Mahwah NL Cedars Developers, LLC regarding six lots of the Chestnut Trees major subdivision. At that meeting, we agreed to consider the tree removal for six lots at one time as long as the developer presented site plans for the homes on each property. Mr. Wolf presented the related tree removal plan submitted by the builder. Administrative Officer/Director Mike Kelly and Mr. Wolf also walked Cedar Lane to stake the limit of clearing in advance and identify any trees that could be saved. They designated trees to remain with a blue ribbon, and any trees that were dead or dying were marked with an orange "X." Mr. Wolf was pleased with the amount of trees left onsite. The applicant will submit a revised tree application with the new tree counts and will put up a bond for the revised tree replacement schedule.

Bike Path Concept

On Thursday, June 25, Mr. Wolf met with representatives from the County Parks Department to discuss a proposed bike path. The county officials would like to present

the concept to the County Executive and have asked us to give them a proposal and diagram of our plans. The county seems interested in supporting a countywide bike path.

Sustainable Jersey Update

Mr. Wolf said he expects to hear back soon on the review of our submission.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

686 Island Avenue, LLC, 465 Route 17 North, Block 64, Lot 18

Docket #533A

Amended Site Plan for proposed miniature golf course and squash facility

Members discussed an amended site plan for a miniature golf course and squash facility called the Castle Fun Center on the border of Ramsey and Mahwah near Island Avenue. The applicant is proposing a new driveway that will widen the entrance along Constantine Drive from 25' to 40' as well as putting in drainage, street trees and landscaping along Constantine Drive. While not under the Commission's purview, members discussed their concerns for the traffic flow of the property. All members were in favor of approving the amended site plan with the provision that the Planning Board gain a complete understanding of the traffic flow on the property and consider onsite signage to prevent left turn access out of the driveway.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following soil movement permit applications were reviewed:

BP, 120 Moffatt Road, Block 63, Lot 11

E-BD-216-2829

Memo to Administrative Officer:

"The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application submitted by BP to replace three underground tanks, product piping, concrete materials, and install new tanks on the property. This Soil Movement Permit Application is approved."

cc: Township Engineer

Indian Field of Mahwah Association, Inc., 33 Grist Mill Run, Block 115, Lot 71

E-BD-216-2832

Memo to Administrative Officer:

"The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application submitted by the Indian Field of Mahwah Association, Inc. for the hydraulic removal of collected organic sediment and undecomposed organic matter from a stormwater retention pond. The organic matter will be placed into sediment containment tubes to dewater. The dewatered material will remain onsite. This Soil Movement Permit Application is approved."

cc: Township Engineer

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant application was reviewed and approved:

- European Auto Wholesalers, LTD., 70-82 McKee Drive, Block 65, Lot 3

TA 15-0013

Wholesale used car sales

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copies of the Shoprite Earth 2015 newsletter and the company's updated environmental fact sheet.
- Copy of an application submitted to the Town Clerk from Boswell McClave Engineering for a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit for the restoration of the Mahwah River.
- Letter from Boswell McClave Engineering for a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit submitted to the State of New Jersey DEP for the restoration of the Mahwah River.
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices.

NEW BUSINESS

Group Home on 62 Sparrowbush Road, Upper Saddle River

Resident Wes Barber said he was in attendance tonight to discuss the above mentioned property and his concerns with tying it into the Mahwah town sewer. He also mentioned concerns regarding outside lighting on the property. After some discussion, members realized the property is technically in Upper Saddle River but borders Mahwah. To our knowledge, this issue has not come to our attention before. Mr. Wolf asked Mrs. Storms to send a note to Brian Campion inquiring if the Water and/or Sewer Departments have seen any applications for this property. We will let the resident know if we have had any involvement with this property to date.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Reilly; seconded by Mr. Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary