

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 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 Seibert, Vice Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Michael Devaney
Karin LaGreca
Carol Phiefer
Richard Seibert

Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Janet Ariemma
Richard Wolf

Ward Donigian, Planning Board Liaison

The minutes of the meeting held on June 27, 2018 were approved as submitted following a motion by Devaney; seconded by LaGreca. All other members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Updates

LaGreca said we have received certification for Bronze level, but there are still several items we still need to update prior to the September deadline. She gave an update on the various items we still need to complete. We also need an updated resolution from the Town Council supporting our involvement with Sustainable Jersey. LaGreca will coordinate with the Town Clerk.

Rain Garden Update

LaGreca has contacted the vendors for the next phase of the Rain Garden. She also conducted a cleanup and said all the plants look good.

Rain Garden Water Fowl Sign

We are having issues with people over-feeding the water fowl at the Rain Garden. Members agreed we should look into posting a sign that explains the negative effects of feeding water fowl. LaGreca is awaiting an estimate from the traffic sign company used in the town.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Ioppolo, LLC, 17 Miller Road, Block 71, Lot 16, Docket #1443-18

The Environmental Commission received a Board of Adjustment Application to request a use variance for the property.

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

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Valeria Lisung, 28 Degray Terrace, Block 165, Lot 1, E-BD-216-304-648

The Environmental Commission received a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of an in-ground pool on the property. The Tree Preservation Application indicates 10 trees will be removed from the property, with zero replacements.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

Please have the applicant identify trees to be removed. Of the 10 trees to be removed, the Commission cannot find five of them on the Site Plan. Please have the applicant indicate all of the trees to be removed and also indicate the replacement trees as per the township ordinance.

This application review was rejected pending clarification on the Tree Preservation Application.

Gilbert, 24 Vail Place, Block 147, Lot 5, E-BD-216-3064

The Environmental Commission received a Soil Movement Permit Application for a deck extension.

The application review was accepted following a motion made by Devaney; seconded by Phiefer. 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

Prime Travel Services, 15 Miller Road, Block 71, Lot 16, TA18-0027

Travel agency

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Letter from ETI regarding an Application for a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit for Botta Educational Trust, 233 Forest Road
- Copy of a letter from Whitman regarding a General Information Notice to the DEP for Polytype America Corp. located at 10 Industrial Avenue
- Email newsletter from the Rutgers Water Research Newsletter, with a mention of our Rain Garden
- Email newsletters from the Hackensack Riverkeeper and NY/NJ Trail Conference
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

OLD BUSINESS, *continued*

Artificial Floating Island

LaGreca said the floating island is doing very well.

NEW BUSINESS

Plastic Straw Update

Seibert distributed an informational article that appeared in The Wall Street Journal entitled “Plastic Straws Bend to Criticism,” regarding plans to phase out plastic straws across the country.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. following a motion by Phiefer; seconded by Devaney. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary