

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 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)

Absent: Jonathan Marcus  
Linda Meisel  
Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on July 8, 2015 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Seibert; seconded by Mr. Reilly. All were in favor.

There was no quorum present to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 22, 2015. Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**125 Deerhaven Application Update**

The homeowner has informed the Planning Office/Administrative Officer they are working on plans for a proposed addition and septic, but their plans are not yet finalized. They are looking to finalize everything around the end of August, at which time the appropriate soil movement application will be submitted. As part of their submission, they will also include their proposed landscaping plan. The dumpster currently on the property is not associated with any soil movement and/or building additions.

**ID Cards**

Mrs. Storms reached out to Police Captain Stu Blank for an update on the status of the members' identification cards. Captain Blank told her they are still in the works but should be completed shortly. If we do not get them back soon, we will try to have them printed elsewhere.

**Bike Path**

Mr. Seibert distributed a handout he prepared regarding the feasibility of the Mahwah Bike Path. The goal is to design and construct a public use path for non-automotive transportation that connects residents and communities of Mahwah to businesses, recreational areas, public transportation and municipal services.

Mr. Wolf said he will be presenting the concept to Town Council sometime in early September. Mr. Seibert said he will also continue to research the concept.

#### DPW Idling Issue

Mr. Seibert followed up on his interest in seeing Mahwah become a leader in installing catalytic converters in DPW's diesel engines, which are more environmentally friendly. He said he met with DPW Director Ed Sinclair to discuss the emissions of the DPW fleet. Mr. Sinclair told him the newer diesel trucks have catalytic converters, but the old ones do not. Mr. Seibert said he will work with DPW Superintendent Glenn Dowson to create a list of all the trucks in our current DPW fleet, whether they are gas or diesel, and if they have catalytic converters. Mr. Wolf said this could give us credit for Sustainable Jersey down the road.

#### Sustainable Jersey Update

Mr. Wolf and Karin LaGreca met with town officials on August 6, 2015 to discuss any steps we can take to achieve additional Sustainable Jersey points toward our certification. We have received 165 points toward our certification, which qualifies Mahwah for Bronze level certification, but we can still achieve a total of up to 130 additional points toward our certification. Mr. Wolf is going to draft a cover story for the Town's Fall newsletter touting this accomplishment. Mrs. LaGreca will also prepare several informational articles on topics including littering and recycling for inclusion in the issue.

#### Mahwah Day – Saturday, September 19

The group discussed ways to promote our accomplishments during Mahwah Day 2015. Mr. Wolf also mentioned the need to drum up interest in the Environmental Commission and get more members. Mrs. Phiefer said she will put together a recycling handout. Mr. Wolf would like to roll out something regarding the Bike Path. Mr. Reilly will prepare a document that asks people what their interests are and if they are interested in becoming a member. Mr. Seibert will coordinate the reusable bags that we will distribute.

#### **SITE PLAN REVIEW**

*None received*

#### **SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

The following soil movement permit applications were reviewed:

##### Wasim & Sara T. Rahman, 1076 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 25, Lot 21

##### BOA Dkt#1391-15S

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application submitted by Wasim and Sara Rahman to install an in-ground pool and cabana on the property.

*Comments to the Township Planner and Township Engineer:*

Please have the applicant clarify what type of soil they are importing and from where it is coming. This Soil Movement Permit Application is deferred pending that clarification. The Tree Preservation Application indicates there are two trees being removed, with zero trees being replaced. This Tree Preservation Application is approved.

### **TENANT APPLICATIONS**

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

- Special Properties Real Estate Services, LLC, 1009 MacArthur Boulevard  
Block 138, Lot 151.01, TA 15-0017  
*Change of ownership form for real estate business*
- Health Star Communications, 860 Wyckoff Avenue  
Block 181, Lot 6, TA 15-0018  
*Marketing service*  
Comments: This application is approved, subject to ensuring the number of parking spaces is within the allowable limit.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Flood Hazard Area application from the Township of Mahwah for application #0233-15-0004.1 FHA 150001 (FHAIP) between Route 17 and 287. Mrs. Storms will forward the application to the Mayor's Office.
- Copy of a follow-up letter from Mahwah NL Cedars Developers, LLC regarding an amended preliminary major subdivision application and amended soil movement permit application for 28 Masonicus Road, Tree Farm Lane and Arbor Lane.
- Invoice from Direct Energy for the New Jersey Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting. Mrs. Storms will forward the invoice to the Mayor's Office.
- Copy of a NJDEP Public Notification and Outreach Form for the 193 Valero site located at 193 Route 17 North.
- Copy of a public notification letter being sent in accordance with the NJDEP's regulations for notification and public outreach regarding the former Gulf Facility located at 261 Route 17 North.
- Copy of a response action outcome for the remediation of the industrial establishment located at 1595 MacArthur Boulevard.
- Invitation to attend the VIP Grand Opening & 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the NY-NJ Trail Conference.
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Mahwah Day, continued

Mr. Wolf reiterated the various items all the members will prepare for the upcoming Mahwah Day.

#### Apple Ridge Soil Remediation Presentation

Apple Ridge Mahwah, LLC, 269 East Crescent Avenue, Block 127, Lot(s) 1, 3-7  
Docket #559PF

The Planning Board at its July 27 meeting heard the first presentation for the environmental remediation report for Apple Ridge. Mr. Wolf said the Planning Board

was somewhat disappointed with the environmental expert's presentation of the soil movement and site remediation plans. They will present again when more information is available.

Mr. Seibert had concerns regarding where the water will come from for those homes because adding new customers outside of Mahwah will make it more difficult to achieve our Master Plan objective on water use. Mr. Wolf said he would ask the Township Business Administrator and update the members during our next meeting.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Reilly; seconded by Mr. Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms  
Secretary