

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
 Richard Seibert, Vice Chair
 Karin LaGreca, arrived 7:42 p.m.
 Tom McKeon
 Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison
 Carol Phiefer

Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison

There was no quorum to approve the minutes for the meeting held on June 26, 2019. Approval was deferred to the next meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on July 24, 2019 were approved as submitted following a motion by Pallotta; seconded by Phiefer. Seibert abstained. All other present members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Green Initiatives

Pallotta said he spoke with Mike Kelly to discuss some of the town's green initiatives. He will follow up as more information becomes available.

Recycling Initiatives

McKeon said he is beginning to coordinate a recycling initiative with the school board. He also volunteered to create a recycling display board for Mahwah Day.

Turf Update

Seibert said he followed up with the company regarding available turf/topsoil options for the playing fields around town. Wolf said he would also follow up with administration for an update.

Fall Newsletter Submissions

Wolf reminded members that articles for the Fall Newsletter are due by tomorrow, August 15.

Reusable Bag Update

LaGreca obtained three bids for the reusable bags and presented them to the Commission for discussion. Wolf said we budgeted for approximately \$3,000. He suggested doing two separate orders – one for reusable bags and one for reusable bags made out of recycled materials that are slightly more expensive. The more costly bags will be given out as prizes during Mahwah Day to use as educational resources. LaGreca will obtain an additional quote for the recycled material bags.

Rain Garden

Work continues on the third phase of the project. LaGreca is going to reach out to a company that specializes in aerial photography.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Lithia Northeast Real Estate, LLC, 440 Franklin Turnpike, Block 110.01, Lot 7, Docket #597(S)

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the renovation of an existing building and parking lot.

Comments to Administrative Officer

Please provide the proposed plan for more information.

The review of this application was deferred until additional information is provided.

Joe Hallak, 29 James Brite Circle, Block 21.01, Lot 20, Docket#1464-19S(A)

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation application for the installation of a vinyl liner steel wall swimming pool, patio and seepage pit on the property. The Tree Preservation Application indicates there are no planned tree removals.

The review of this application was accepted, subject to Board of Adjustment approval, following a motion made by LaGreca; seconded by Seibert. All other members were in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Super Cuts, 7 Franklin Turnpike, Block 69, Lots 1, 2 & 3, TA - 190019

Hair salon

Bells Little Learners, 11 Leighton Place, Block 181, Lot 2, TA - 190017

Child care

Dr. Richard Palazzo, 65 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 41, Lot 1, TA - 190018

Chiropractor

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a letter from Langan Engineering regarding NJDEP Multi-Permit Application for Flood Hazard Area Verification for Prologis/555 MacArthur Blvd
- Copy of a letter from DEP regarding a Darlington Lake Dam Hydrologic and Hydraulics/Dam Failure Analysis from October 2017
- Flyers for the 2019 Recycling Events for Bergen County and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events
- Hackensack Tidelines Summer 2019 Edition, Volume XXII, Issue 2
- Various ANJEC email announcements and newsletters
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESS

Organics Waste Management Summit – October 1, 2019

The Commission received an email regarding the Organics Waste Management Summit.

Article – *Haworth looks to widen ban on plastic*

Seibert distributed a recent article regarding single-use plastic bag bans throughout the state. Members discussed following suit in Mahwah.

Mahwah Museum Presentation

John Fesen, a resident and Mahwah Museum Board Member, introduced himself and distributed a brochure about the museum. He encouraged members to join the museum.

Article – *How to deal with tick-borne diseases*

Seibert distributed a recent article regarding tick-borne diseases.

Recycling Bins

McKeon said he will follow up with DPW regarding any available funding for recycling bins.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Phiefer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary