

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:52 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Janet Ariemma  
Michael Devaney  
Karin LaGreca  
Carol Phiefer  
Richard Reilly  
Richard Seibert  
Richard Wolf

Rachel Laub, MEVO/Ramapo College  
Van Trat, MEVO/Ramapo College

Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Ward Donigian, Planning Board Liaison

The minutes of the meeting held on August 9, 2017 were approved as submitted following a motion by Seibert; seconded by LaGreca. All other members were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

MEVO Stag Hill Update

Wolf introduced Rachel Laub and Van Trat for an update on MEVO's presentation regarding dumping on Stag Hill. Laub updated Commission members on the group's latest efforts. Members discussed the importance of MEVO's efforts. Our next and last work session will take place at our meeting on September 13, 2017.

Rain Garden Update

LaGreca said work on the Rain Garden is scheduled to take place the first week in September. Our grand opening dedication will take place at 10:30 a.m. during Mahwah Day on September 23.

Sustainable Jersey Recertification

LaGreca reminded members to keep working on their tasks for Sustainable Jersey.

37 Bayberry Drive – Update

At its May 24, 2017 meeting, the Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of a single-family home. An amended plan was approved at the Planning Board's June 12, 2017 meeting,

through which the applicant was approved to remove seven trees and plant two replacements.

Members reviewed the amended plan and agreed that it appears many more than seven trees were removed from the property. Wolf proposed asking the Planning Department to perform a site visit to determine the extent of the clear-cutting and any possible violations. We would also like to have the architect confirm the trees on the survey. Wolf said he is going to follow up with the Planning Department on the status.

### **SITE PLAN REVIEWS**

Richard Marchesi, 0 Stag Hill Road, Block 9, Lot 2, Docket #1428-17

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Board of Adjustment Application to construct a two-story single-family dwelling with garage on the property.

*Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:*

Commission members expressed concern over the location of the septic system and well on the site plan. The septic system has a higher elevation than the well and should be reversed to prevent run-off. Please also note the plan seems to indicate there are only nine trees on the property, which seems unlikely.

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

### **SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

*None received*

### **TENANT APPLICATIONS**

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

United Rockland Stairs, 14 Industrial Avenue, Block 110.01, Lot 10, TA17-0038

Stair and rail systems

RMV Yoga, LLC, 370 Franklin Turnpike, Block 102, Lot 30, TA17-0039

Yoga

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a letter from EnviroTrac, regarding a Response Action Outcome for the BP Service Station at Route 17 and Moffatt Road
- Newsletter of the Joyce Kilmer Society of Mahwah, August 2017, Volume 5, Issue 8
- Email newsletter from the NY-NJ Trail Conference regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trail Conference Gala on October 19, 2017
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Suez Water Pump Maintenance Presentation

Commission members discussed their thoughts regarding the Suez Water pump maintenance presentation. Conceptually, members said they agree with the idea of a maintenance program, however more work needs to be done before an RFP can be completed. Wolf said he would like to compile everyone's questions and concerns and submit them to the Township Business Administrator.

Telecom Monopoles in NJ

The Environmental Commission received an email from Fred Brody, Environmental Commissioner from Ocean Township, regarding Lighttower Fiber Networks attempting to install monopoles in Mahwah on state-owned land. Brody expressed concern that multiple installations of these monopoles may start to occur on state-owned land in Ocean Township. Wolf said he will mention the issue to the mayor.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:37 p.m. following a motion by Devaney; seconded by Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms  
Secretary