

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Linda Meisel
Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on August 10, 2016 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Reilly; seconded by Mrs. Phiefer. All members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mahwah Day

Members discussed ongoing projects and assignments for Mahwah Day. Our new recycling bins will most likely not be ready in time for the event. Rather than hand them out during the event, members will compile a list of Mahwah residents who will be able to pick up the bins at the DPW when they are ready. Mr. Seibert will follow up with the vendor and prepare a signup form for the event. Mr. Marcus will handle the social media end of things to promote the initiative. After Mahwah Day, Mrs. Storms will enter the names into a database to inform residents when the bins are ready for pickup.

Pilgrim Pipeline Update

The Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline is looking for electronic access to our Environmental Resources Inventory and Master Plan, among other things. Mr. Marcus said he will follow up with the group.

Winter's Pond Rain Garden Update

Mr. Wolf said Boswell Engineering sent a letter to the Township Administrator regarding a proposal to prepare a concept sketch for a Rain Garden at Winter's Pond. He will follow up with Brian Campion to see if there is anything else he needs to do to move the initiative forward.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Medco Health Services, Inc., Parson's Pond Drive and Wyckoff Avenue, Blocks 170 & 180, Lots 10, 11, 1 & 2, Docket #576

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Planning Board Application for a minor subdivision on the property.

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mr. Seibert. All were in favor.

Richard Marchesi, 25 Mountain Road, Block 2, Lot 4, Docket #1410-16

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Board of Adjustment Application for the construction of a new single-family home on a vacant lot.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

No motion made. Members agreed to defer further review until a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application are presented to the Commission. Members also requested to see the related variance memo from June 6 denying the Permit Application.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Soil Movement Permit Applications were reviewed:

Pride Rock, LLC, 200 Stabled Way, Block 24, Lot 1, E-BD-216-2928

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the restoration of a NJDEP Flood Hazard Area violation in accordance with an Administrative Consent Order.

The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Seibert; seconded by Mr. Reilly. All were in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

General Reproduction, 185 North Route 17, Block 53, Lot 19, TA16-0040

Sales

Delaney Computer Service, Inc., 575 Corporate Drive, Block 137, Lot 11, TA16-0041

Information Technology

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a letter from Boswell McClave Engineering sent to the Township Administrator regarding a proposal to prepare a concept sketch for a Rain Garden at Winter's Pond.
- Copy of a letter from G Environmental GECP INC regarding a Response Action Outcome for the arsenic remediation conducted at 22 and 28 Masonicus Road.
- Copy of a letter from Lehman & Getz regarding a Flood Hazard Area Permit and Freshwater Wetlands General Permit for the Beltramini Property at 1 Midvale Mountain Road.

- Copy of a letter from Lehman & Getz regarding a Flood Hazard Individual Permit for proposed activity within the riparian zone of the Mahwah River at 64 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 40, Lots 25 and 57.
- Email invitation to the 9th Annual Growing Sustainable Communities Conference in Dubuque, Iowa.
- Copy of a letter to Mr. Joseph Rizzi regarding a letter of interpretation to have the Division of Land Use Regulation staff verify the boundary of the freshwater wetlands and/or State open waters on Block 149, Lot 20 in Mahwah.
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Outlook

Mr. Wolf encouraged members to start thinking about plans and goals for 2017. He said this will be the last of our third year as a Sustainable Jersey community. Members also discussed the possibility of forming a Shade Tree Commission in town. Mr. Marcus said he would like to see Mahwah move in that direction.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mr. Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary