

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Linda Meisel
Richard Reilly
Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on August 24, 2016 were approved as submitted following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Marcus. All members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Rain Garden Update

We received the Winters Pond Concept Plan and rough estimate for the work. We also received the check from Orange & Rockland for 2015 to get the project rolling. It is on the next Council agenda to accept the check from Orange & Rockland. Our next step is to submit it to the Council to explain where the funds will come from and submit the concept plan to Orange & Rockland. Wolf and Karin LaGreca recently walked the property. He said Montvale did a similar sized rain garden for around \$8,000 and that we should be able to scale back our design depending on the funding we receive.

Mahwah Day

Members discussed ongoing projects and assignments for Mahwah Day. Wolf also asked Storms to find out when is the best time to pick up supplies from the office prior to the event. Marcus said he will talk to some local high school students to promote Makeover Mahwah Day.

Facebook Page

Marcus said we now have our own Environmental Commission Facebook page up and running. It is located at www.facebook.com/mahwahec.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Soil Movement Permit Applications were reviewed:

Estate of Steve Matson, Susanna Roussos, Sub Admin C.T.A., 130 Reich Avenue, Block 40, Lot 76, E-BD-216-2929

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of a new home. The Tree Preservation Application indicates four trees will be removed, with one replacement.

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

Venture Capital Group, Mountain Avenue, Block 47, Lot 12, E-BD-216-2931

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of a new home. The Tree Preservation Application indicates there is no tree removal.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

Please note that under the soil movement permit application “Description of Soil to be Moved,” the figures need correction (page 1). The amount of soil imported should equal the amount of soil exported.

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

Alfisi, 3 Jacobean Way, Block 21.01, Lot 28, E-BD-216-304-624

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of a swimming pool. The Tree Preservation Application indicates there is no tree removal.

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

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Bieam Construction, 1 Lethbridge Plaza, Block 63, Lot 6, TA16-0042

General Construction

BP Products of North America, 144 Route 17 South, Block 132, Lot 6, TA16-0043

Retail Fuel Facility – change of ownership

Fortuna Management Associates, LLC, 60 Whitney Road, Units 3 & 4, Block 173, Lot 145, TA16-0044

Private Equity Investment/General Merchandise Distribution

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a letter from TRC Solutions to Mr. John Guthrie of SiteOne Landscape Supply, LLC regarding a Response Action Outcome for the remediation of the industrial establishment for 330 Franklin Turnpike
- Monthly Bulletin from the Shade Tree Federation
- Flyer for the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation's 91st Annual Conference
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESS

Budget 2017 Preparation

We received the 2017 Budget Preparation Worksheet from the Administration. Wolf asked members to think about some things we may need or want to do next year.

Bike Path

Seibert asked if we can find out how much it might cost to do a feasibility study for the Bike Path. He distributed a recent article in The Record entitled "Green is good" in support of similar environmental initiatives for the public. Marcus said he will reach out to the high school regarding leveraging some student involvement on the initiative.

MEVO Fundraiser

Wolf said MEVO is holding a fundraiser on October 1, if anyone is interested in attending.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. following a motion by Marcus; seconded by Phiefer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary