TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chairman. 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 July 22, 2015 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Seibert; seconded by Mrs. Phiefer. All were in favor.

The minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2015 were deferred to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

DPW Diesel Vehicles

Mr. Seibert gave an update on his interest in installing catalytic converters in DPW's diesel engines. He distributed a handout detailing the DPW fleet. Of the 57 vehicles in the township's fleet, 35 do not have catalytic converters. All of the new township vehicles have catalytic converters. Mr. Marcus said we need to determine what vehicles would be worth servicing or replacing. Mr. Seibert is going to research the costs of installing catalytic converters in vehicles where it may be economically and environmentally advantageous.

Sustainable Jersey Update

Mr. Wolf said Karin LaGreca submitted our remaining responses for the secondary round approval. We have submitted a total of 260 points, 165 of which were approved in the first round.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Kuldip Singh, 40 Franklin Turnpike, Block 68, Lot 5, Docket #1393-15

The Environmental Commission reviewed an application from Kuldip Singh to erect a gas station and convenience store at 40 Franklin Turnpike. There is no attached soil movement application, which would be required if the applicant is moving soil for tank installation. We would also recommend the applicant consider a drip water system for plants and sidewalk improvements.

Subject to the receipt of an assumed soil movement permit application, the application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Wolf; seconded by Mr. Reilly. All were in favor.

Sharp Plaza SG Holdings, LLC, 10 Sharp Plaza, Block 26, Lot 1, Docket #1392-15
The Environmental Commission reviewed a preliminary/final subdivision site plan application from Sharp Plaza SG Holdings for the above referenced location. Members discussed their concerns related to parking and recommended that the Planning Board clarify the traffic study. The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Wolf; seconded by Mr. Marcus. All were in favor.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS
The following soil movement permit applications were reviewed:

Geoffrey and Jennifer Lichtenheim, 55 Cortland Trail, Block 117, Lot 29
E-BD-216-2855
The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application submitted by Geoffrey and Jennifer Lichtenheim for the construction of a single-family residence. There are currently 72 trees on the property, of which 14 will be removed and replaced with four red maples.
Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:
This Soil Movement Permit Application is approved. This related Tree Preservation Application is also approved.

Alex Ferenczi, 109 Walnut Street, Block 160, Lot 32
E-BD-216-304-613
The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application submitted by Alex Ferenczi for the construction of an in-ground pool. No trees will be removed.
Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:
This Soil Movement Permit Application is approved. This related Tree Preservation Application is also approved.

TENANT APPLICATIONS
The following tenant application was reviewed and approved:

The Artistic Group, 31 Industrial Avenue, Block 102, Lot 32, TA15-0022
Graphics and printing business

CORRESPONDENCE
The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Invitation/brochure for the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation's 90th Annual Conference on October 23 & 24, 2015.
- Invitation to attend a grand opening celebration for Brandywine Senior Living in Mahwah
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices.

NEW BUSINESS

Polo Shirts
Mr. Wolf would like to look into getting new polo shirts for members. He will work with Mrs. Storms to get estimates.

Sustainable Jersey Luncheon
Mr. Wolf reminded members that November 17 is the date of the League of Municipalities' Annual Luncheon, during which we will be recognized for our participation in Sustainable Jersey.

Annual Outlook
Mr. Wolf asked members to think about topics they would like to focus on next year. Mr. Marcus said he would like to educate residents, particularly those with private wells, to follow the water conservation guidelines set by the town. Mr. Wolf said he also wants to move forward with our efforts to implement the bike path.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mr. Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary