

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016**

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

Absent: Jonathan Marcus  
Linda Meisel  
Daniel Weixeldorfer

There was no quorum present to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 28, 2016. Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mahwah Day Update

Wolf gave an update on Mahwah Day and said he received a lot of positive feedback on our upcoming initiatives, including the bike path. Reilly suggested we invite county officials to an upcoming meeting in 2017 to discuss the bike path initiative. Storms will reach out for a contact at the county recreation level.

Seibert met with DPW to present our ideas for the recycling bin pickup day on October 22. He said DPW is expecting a big turnout from residents and will handle traffic accordingly.

Makeover Mahwah Day

Wolf said despite bad weather, we received positive feedback regarding our first Makeover Mahwah Day.

Lion's Club Presentation

Wolf recently presented to the Lion's Club in Ramsey. He said the members were very interested in the things we are trying to accomplish in Mahwah.

Display Easel

Wolf made a motion to purchase a second display easel; seconded by Reilly. All other members were in favor. Storms will process it through our Office Supplies budget.

Campgaw Road Issue

Phiefer inquired about the status of the home on Campgaw Road that continues to move a lot of soil on the property. We have discussed the soil movement at previous meetings. Wolf said he will reach out to the Township Engineer and request they look into it.

#### Rain Garden Update

The funding from Orange & Rockland is in our account. Wolf followed up with the Township Engineer regarding the rough estimate we received for the plan. The engineer said the Winters Pond Concept Plan was for a 4,500-square-foot property, which is much larger than the space we have in Mahwah. We are confident our plan can be scaled back by at least 50 percent.

#### **SITE PLAN REVIEWS**

*None received*

#### **SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

The following Soil Movement Permit Application was reviewed:

Apple Ridge Association, 103-104 Fisher Road, Block 126, Lot 114, E-BD-216-2939

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the replacement of existing railroad tie walls with keystone modular walls on the property.

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

#### **TENANT APPLICATIONS**

*None received*

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of an email from a resident on Chapel Road. Storms will touch base with the other individuals copied on the email to get more information before we proceed with a response.
- Newsletter of the Joyce Kilmer Society of Mahwah, Oct. 2016, Vol. 4, Issue 10
- Press release from the Bergen-Passaic Chapter of the Native Plant Society of NJ
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Budget 2017 Preparation

Our 2017 Budget Preparation Worksheet is due on November 1, 2016. Wolf said we will finalize and approve it at our next meeting. Members discussed some things we may need or want to do in the next year, including a feasibility study for the bike path as well as applying for grants for recycling bins and the Winters Pond Rain Garden.

##### Tree Question

Phiefer asked who is responsible for the removal of a dead tree if it falls on a neighboring property. Wolf said he was not sure and that it would depend on how the insurance company assigns liability.

Time Change for Next Meeting

Wolf asked Storms to request that we change the time of our next meeting to 6 p.m. to avoid any conflict with the Meet the Candidates Night scheduled for Wednesday, October 26 at 7 p.m. All members were in favor.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. following a motion by Reilly; seconded by Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms  
Secretary