

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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)

Karin LaGreca, Sustainable Jersey

Absent: Linda Meisel
Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2015 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mrs. Phiefer; seconded by Mr. Seibert. All were in favor.

The minutes of the meeting held on September 23, 2015 were approved as submitted following a motion by Mr. Reilly; seconded by Mrs. Phiefer. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Update

Karin LaGreca gave an update on our status with Sustainable Jersey. We have received a final total of 240 points, which is a major accomplishment for the town. Mrs. LaGreca will send Mr. Wolf and the Business Administrator a final report. Mr. Wolf thanked Mrs. LaGreca for all of her work on the project.

Bike Path

Last week, Mr. Seibert walked around Goffle Brook Park off Goffle Road in Hawthorne. He distributed pictures of picnic tables and benches at the park. He said it is a nice example of some things we can do with a bike path as our efforts move forward. Members also discussed some options for maintaining a bike path.

DPW Diesel Vehicles

Mr. Seibert again met with Glenn Dowson of the Department of Public Works. He took pictures of a special catalytic converter the state required us to install on two out of our three dump trucks. The special catalytic converters cost about \$10,000 each and are more environmentally friendly, but Mr. Dowson said they have some performance issues. Our third dump truck has a regular catalytic converter. Mr. Wolf suggested we wait to see

how the three dump trucks perform over the winter. Mr. Seibert will ask DPW for an update at that time.

New Commission Members

The group discussed finding new members to join the Commission. Mr. Marcus and Mrs. Meisel's terms expire at the end of this year. Mr. Wolf told members to let him know if they know anyone who is interested in becoming a member.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Anova Technologies, 1700 MacArthur Boulevard, Block 139, Lot 4

Docket #1397-15

The Environmental Commission reviewed an application from Anova Technologies to erect a temporary and permanent communications tower. The temporary tower will be removed upon completion of the permanent tower. The application was approved following a motion made by Mr. Reilly; seconded by Mr. Marcus. All were in favor.

Mahwah Properties I, LLC, 1400 MacArthur Boulevard, Block 139, Lot 3

Docket #571PF

The Environmental Commission reviewed an application from Mahwah Properties I, LLC Technologies for the proposed development of a Health & Wellness Center with associated parking. The related Tree Preservation Application indicates there are a total of 61 trees on the property. Of the existing trees, 41 will be removed and replaced with 75 trees including Maple, Sweet Gum/Pin Oak/Linden, Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry/Sorrel Tree and Dan Fenton Holly/Pitch Pine/Canadian Hemlock. Due to the scope of the project, members would like to take more time to review the related reports.

A motion to defer the application review to the next meeting was made by Mr. Wolf; seconded by Mr. Reilly. All were in favor. The application packet will be available in the Environmental Commission's office for review.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following soil movement permit applications were reviewed:

Jakamar & Prema C. Moorthy, 84 Glenmere Terrace, Block 149, Lot 3, E-BD-216-2857

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application submitted by Jakamar & Prema Moorthy for the construction of a new three-car garage, kitchen and guest suite. The applicant would like to remove two trees with zero replacements.

The applications were approved following a motion made by Mr. Wolf; seconded by Mrs. Phiefer. All were in favor.

Ahmed Balubaio, 21 Victoria Lane, Block 147.02, Lot 74, E-BD-216-2862

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application submitted by Ahmed Balubaio of Signature Home Builders for

the construction of a new home. The applicant wishes to remove and replace 10 trees on the property. Replacement tree type is not indicated.

The review was accepted with the comments below following a motion made by Mr. Wolf; seconded by Mr. Marcus. All were in favor.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

Please confirm the location of the trees to be removed, the size and type of the replacement trees, and that the imported soil will be properly tested. Please resubmit to obtain final approval.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

West Bergen Mental Health, 860 Wyckoff Avenue, Block 181, Lot 6, TA15-0023
Counseling and business operations

Acme Markets, 115 Franklin Turnpike, Block 70, Lot 44, TA15-0024
Supermarket

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a letter sent to Acupac Packaging, Inc. at 55 Ramapo Valley Road issuing a Response Action Outcome for the remediation of the site. Mrs. Storms will ask the Business Administrator if he has more details on this issue.
- Letter to the Environmental Commission regarding notice of DEP Application for Apple Ridge, Block 401, Lots 2 and 4 in Upper Saddle River and Block 127, Lots 1 and 3-7 in Mahwah.
- Copy of a letter from Resource Control Consultants, LLC on behalf of Shortline Hudson Transit, who is investigating soil and ground water contamination at the Shortline site located at 4 Leisure Lane.
- Email from resident Ann Powley regarding an update on the Pilgrim Pipeline. Mrs. Powley's group is interested in having the town pass a legally binding ordinance prohibiting unregulated pipelines that would stop projects that are not initiated by a public utility. She asked for our assistance in speaking to the town's Ordinance Committee to help speed up the process. Mr. Wolf would like to send a letter to the Town Council stating we support the group's efforts. Mrs. Storms will draft a letter for Mr. Wolf's review.
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices.

OLD BUSINESS, continued

Apple Ridge

Mr. Marcus provided an update on the status of the remediation and core sampling efforts at Apple Ridge. He said it may be heard again at the Planning Board's next meeting.

Bike Path

Several Cragmere residents have approached Mr. Wolf regarding our proposed bike path and their interest in providing safe places for their children to bike or walk in that section of town.

NEW BUSINESS

Shrewsbury Court

Mr. Wolf received an inquiry from a resident in Franklin Heights stating there are dead Evergreen trees on the property. He visited the property and could not find anything wrong with the area in question. He will follow up with the resident.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:48 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Marcus; seconded by Mrs. Phiefer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary