

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Jonathan Marcus (arrived at 6:13 p.m.)
Carol Phiefer
Richard Reilly
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf
Jennifer Storms (secretary)

Michael Devaney, Resident
Sam Frensley, Co-President, Mahwah High School Environmental Club

Absent: Linda Meisel
Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on September 28, 2016 were approved as submitted following a motion by Marcus; seconded by Phiefer. Reilly abstained. All other members were in favor.

The minutes of the meeting held on October 12, 2016 were approved as submitted following a motion by Reilly; seconded by Phiefer. Marcus abstained. All other members were in favor.

Wolf welcomed the two guests to the meeting. He explained the role of the Environmental Commission and highlighted some of our recent and upcoming initiatives.

OLD BUSINESS

Ramapo Ridge Tree Removal

At the Planning Board's last meeting, Planning Board members discussed the pending tree removal request at Ramapo Ridge. The applicant is requesting to remove the trees with no plans for re-planting in place. The Commission feels a replacement plan is needed. Township Administrator Mike Kelly discussed allowing the applicant to work hand in hand with the Environmental Commission to provide oversight over the process and review all removal and replacement plans.

Recycling Bin Giveaway

Members discussed the success of our recycling bin giveaway held on Saturday, October 22. Seibert will follow up with DPW to thank them for their involvement.

Chapel Road Issue

At our last meeting, the Commission received an email from Ana Maria Meizys, a Chapel Road resident, regarding an ongoing sewer odor throughout her block. Meizys has been in contact with county officials to determine the source of the problem, but also wanted to make sure the town was aware of the issue. Several residents also attended the last Council Meeting to voice their concerns. The Mayor met with Health, DPW/Water/Sewer, the Sewer Commission, the Board of Education and Boswell Engineering regarding the situation. As a result of the meeting, Boswell Engineering will conduct a study of the system and the group will meet again soon to discuss a plan of action. All of the affected residents will be notified as soon as more details are available.

Campgaw Road Issue

Wolf reached out to Mike Kelly regarding the home on Campgaw Road that continues to move a lot of soil on the property. Kelly said he will look into it and give us an update.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

None received

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant application was reviewed and approved:

Riverstone Group, Inc., 18 Industrial Avenue, Block 110.01, Lot 1, TA16-0046

General merchandise for e-commerce

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Freshwater Wetlands Application Checklist regarding property at Stag Hill Road, Block 130, Lot 1
- Email from Sustainable Jersey regarding upcoming events and seminars
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESS

Budget 2017 Preparation

Our 2017 Budget Preparation Worksheet is due on November 1, 2016. Members discussed some 2017 budget priorities. Wolf is preparing and will send to Storms as soon as it is ready.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Marcus. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary