

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:29 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)

Robert Kaufman, 19 Franklin Street
Brett Moreng, 46 Franklin Street
Nicole Mahncke, resident

Absent: Linda Meisel
Richard Reilly
Daniel Weixeldorfer

The minutes of the meeting held on October 26, 2016 were approved as submitted following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Phiefer. All other members were in favor.

Wolf congratulated all those that ran for elected office.

OLD BUSINESS

Facebook Page

Marcus said the Facebook page continues to get a lot of hits and receive positive feedback.

Budget 2017 Preparation

Wolf distributed a copy of our proposed 2017 Budget Preparation Worksheet to discuss with members.

Campgaw Road Issue

Wolf gave an update on the status of the construction at 635 Campgaw Road. The property owner was cited regarding the unacceptable site conditions and asked to provide a schedule of when the issues will be addressed.

Rutherford Shade Tree Grant

Seibert distributed an article regarding Rutherford receiving a grant to plant trees through its Shade Tree Commission.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

34 Landcorp – P/F Major Subdivision, 800 Wyckoff Avenue, Blocks 177 & 178, Multiple Lots, Docket #578

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for a proposed 10-lot residential subdivision with an improved roadway and cul-de-sac. The Tree Preservation Application indicates approximately 100 trees to be removed, as per Engineering review. A tree replacement plan will be determined.

Comments to Administrative Officer:

The Soil Movement is acceptable, but members discussed their concerns regarding impervious coverage on the property. We recommend adjusting the impervious coverage to less than 50 percent of what is proposed. Members took no action on the Tree Preservation Application because no replacement plan was presented.

The residents in attendance noted their concerns for the density of the development as well as for the traffic flow near the property.

The Soil Movement Permit Application was accepted following a motion made by Wolf; seconded by Seibert. All were in favor.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Soil Movement Permit Applications were reviewed:

Joseph & Debra Madonna, 30 Tam-O-Shanter Drive, Block 121, Lot 5, E-BD-216-304-625

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of an in-ground pool and spa with patio. The Tree Preservation Application indicates five trees will be removed with zero replacements.

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

Raul Serrano, 50 Georgian Court, Block 21.03, Lot 19, E-BD-216-304-626

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of an 18x36 in-ground pool. There was no attached Tree Preservation Application.

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 to be filled in completely (page 1). The amount of soil imported should equal the amount of soil exported.

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

Jacob Bogatch, 25 Mountain Road, Block 2, Lot 4, Docket #1410-16(S)

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a plot plan for the construction of a single-family dwelling. There was no attached Tree Preservation Application.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

While the soil movement is acceptable, there is no attached Tree Preservation Application but the plans indicate 10 trees will be removed. Please submit for further review.

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

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Warren Roark, 370 Franklin Turnpike, Block 102, Lot 30, TA-160047

Telemarketing of promotional products

Brian Reilly, 1 Lethbridge Plaza, Suite 20, Block 63, Lot 6, TA-160048

Online marketing office

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Email from Mahwah Student regarding water testing methods. Wolf will contact the Water Department and Board of Health for more information.
- Copy of a letter from Wander Ecological Consultants regarding an application for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit for Block 130, Lot 1.
- Email from the Ridgewood Environmental Advisory Committee regarding Climate Change & Its Impact on Trees & Plants.
- Copy of a Public Notice regarding application for preliminary and final major subdivision approval for ten conforming single-family lots at Block 177, Lots 13-38 and Block 178, Lots 24-36, 792 & 800 Wyckoff Avenue.
- Copy of a letter sent to Robert Policht of 635 Campgaw Road regarding unacceptable site conditions.
- Letter from the Hackensack Riverkeeper and Hackensack Tidelines, Fall 2016, Volume XIX, Issue 3.
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESSWall Street Journal Article

Seibert distributed an informational article entitled “The Phony War Against CO2.”

Shirt Order

Wolf asked Storms to look into ordering new golf shirts. He said we need no more than ten – two small, three medium, three large and three extra-large.

Logo Development Contest

Members discussed putting together a logo contest for local schoolchildren.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:14 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Phiefer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary