

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Janet Ariemma (arrived 7:33 p.m.)
Michael Devaney
Karin LaGreca
Tom McKeon
Carol Phiefer
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf

Ward Donigian, Planning Board Liaison (arrived 7:56 p.m.)
Jennifer Storms, Secretary

The minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2018 were approved as submitted following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Devaney. LaGreca abstained. All other present members were in favor.

Wolf welcomed Dan Murphy and Tim Palumbo, co-owners of Mercury Stone and Trail, who were in attendance to present the aspects of their work in the area.

Presentation by Mercury Stone and Trail

Mercury Stone and Trail has completed several projects with the NY/NJ Trail Conference as well as the Borough of Franklin Lakes. The group discussed the various materials that could be beneficial to use on a bike path. Wolf also explained that we would like to tap into federal Transportation Assistance Program funding to build the path. We will stay in contact with the company and when we are ready to pursue a feasibility study, and may ask them to submit a proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

Rain Garden

LaGreca said we have \$2,500 remaining from the PSE&G grant for the Rain Garden. She said she has requested an estimate for spring and fall cleanups from one of the vendors we used last year. She will also reach out to Sustainable Jersey for more information on our permitted uses for the grant fund. LaGreca said she is also working on additional signage for the Rain Garden.

Sustainable Jersey

LaGreca said we currently have 260 points toward our next Sustainable Jersey certification, and we need 90 additional points to obtain Silver Certification.

Stag Hill Anti-Dumping Initiative

LaGreca is working on planning out the various materials, supplies and professional services we will be proposing as part of our 2019 Stag Hill Anti-Dumping Proposal.

Sustainable Jersey Luncheon

LaGreca said she attended the 2018 Sustainable Jersey luncheon and accepted our Bronze Award on behalf of the town. She said she also discussed the proposed bike path with state and local officials.

Artificial Floating Island

Ariemma asked if we have any plans to expand the Artificial Floating Island in the future. Wolf said there are currently no plans to expand the island. We will continue to monitor the plant growth in the year to come.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

VPA Associates, Inc., 333 State Highway 17 North, Block 63, Lot 8, Docket #541-A

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Planning Board Application Review Report for a site plan, landscape plan, ground floor plan and building elevations on the property.

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

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

RJI Properties, LLC, 45 Peterson Place, Block 139, Lot 50.02, Docket #417-52

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a new single-family dwelling on the property. The Tree Preservation Application indicates 30 trees will be removed, with 14 replacements of the oak, maple, hickory and hardwood varieties.

A motion was made by Devaney; seconded by Phiefer, to approve the application submitted. Ariemma, LaGreca, McKeon, Seibert and Wolf voted against the motion.

Wolf made a motion; seconded by LaGreca, to approve the application subject to the following comments:

Comments to Administrative Officer

Please clarify how many trees are slated to be removed. The site plan submitted indicates 38 trees are marked to be removed. Please confirm that the trees are “to be” removed or have already been removed.

All members were in favor.

Hoerauf, Martina, 8 Great Hall Road, Block 23.03, Lot 29, E-BD-216-304-660

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of an in-ground pool and patio on the property. There are no related tree removals indicated.

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

Toll NJ IV, LLC, 10 Roxbury Road, Block 127, Lot 28, E-BD-216-3114

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

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Innovation Labs, LLC/Farmacy Beauty, LLC, 1111 MacArthur Blvd., Block 136, Lot 15, TA18-0042

Administrative offices

Core Development Group, LLC, 860 Wyckoff Avenue, Block 181, Lot 6, TA18-0043

Project and construction management

TSC Agency, 1 Lethbridge Plaza, Suite 33, Block 63, Lot 6, TA18-0041

Logistics and supply chain management corporate office – international air and freight consultants

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Email Newsletters from the Hackensack Riverkeeper and NY/NJ Trail Conference
- Copy of a letter from Boswell Engineering regarding NJDEP Treatment Works Notification for the Hearthstone Pumping Station
- Copy of a letter from the NJDEP regarding an Area of Concern: Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System notice for 8 West Road, Block 152, Lot 54
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

NEW BUSINESS

Informational Handout

Seibert distributed a handout regarding environmental tips for growing plants, repelling ants and killing weeds.

New SJ Action

LaGreca said she would like to sponsor a community awareness event at the library in 2019 for additional Sustainable Jersey points. She suggested showing an environmental film. Wolf said he will mention it at the next library board meeting.

Terms Expiring

Wolf said there are three members' terms expiring: Ariemma, LaGreca and Devaney. Wolf forwarded their names to the Mayor's Office and requested they be reappointed. We are awaiting feedback.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. following a motion by Devaney; seconded by Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary