

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison (*via conference call*)
Tom McKeon (*via conference call*)
Carol Phiefer
Richard Seibert
Van Trat
Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison

The minutes of the meeting held on August 12, 2020 were approved following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Trat. All other present members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Update

McKeon said he is working on the recycling paper and recycling depot initiatives. He is in contact with DPW and the Mayor's Office, and will complete those action items shortly. Trat is working on a video of the rain garden to post online and submit to the cable station. Seibert is working with DPW

Fall Newsletter

Wolf said the next issue of the fall newsletter is due before our next meeting. Members discussed our article submissions.

Ramapo River Cleanup

Wolf said Ivan Voznenko and Dennis Kyle performed a small cleanup along the river. The materials they collected were placed on the side of the river in a designated area. Wolf will ask DPW to pick up the materials for disposal.

Electric Charging Station Proposal

Quentin Wiest asked the Environmental Commission to research the costs/benefits of installing electric charging stations in town. Members discussed briefly and we will prepare a proposal.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Liberty Management Services, LLC, 6 Industrial Avenue, Block 110.01, Lot 9, Docket #613

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Planning Board Application Review Report for preliminary and final site plan with conditional use.

Comments to Administrative Officer:

The Environmental Commission is not in favor of this proposal due to several issues. First, there may be a significant impact on the surrounding wetlands due to stormwater runoff. A stormwater runoff report is also missing. Please clarify if the professionals agree that the runoff will go under the property and not into the surrounding wetlands. Second, the property is also being clear-cut, however there is no building proposed on the property. Is that permitted? Last, the Commission also has concerns about the large impervious coverage being proposed in contrast to the ordinance. We also strongly recommend the applicant consider a green infrastructure plan.

The review of this application was rejected pending further clarification following a motion made by Wolf; seconded by McKeon. All other members were in favor.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Toll NJ IV, LLC, 265 East Crescent Avenue, Block 127, Lot 43, E-BD-216-3260

The Environmental Commission received a Soil Movement Permit Application for the construction of a new single-family home on the property.

The review of this application was approved following a motion made by Seibert; seconded by Trat. All other members were in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following application was reviewed and approved:

Innovations Lab, 300 Corporate Drive, Block 136, Lot 8, TA20-0019

Warehouse/storage

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Various copies of letters, agendas and minutes
- Emails regarding recent and upcoming ANJEC events
- Email regarding environmental concerns at 1 Midvale Mountain Road

NEW BUSINESS

Boy Scout Fishing Line Project

McKeon said a local boy scout would like to install used fishing line receptacles at Winter's Park to create awareness of the impact of fishing line to wildlife and the surrounding habitat. Members discussed and are in favor of the initiative. McKeon will put together a formal email that Wolf will forward to Administration and DPW for approval.

There being no further questions or discussion, the remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Phiefer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary