

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

The remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
 Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison
 Carol Phiefer
 Jack Pfister
 Richard Seibert, Co-Chair
 Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison

The minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2021 were approved as amended following a motion by Pfister; seconded by Phiefer. All other present members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Certification Updates

Karin LaGreca gave an update on our Sustainable Jersey efforts. LaGreca, Wolf and Storms met with Ben Kezmarsky to discuss our efforts thus far, including solar initiatives and other environmental priorities for the town moving forward. She said she needs help on some additional objectives and will send an email to the group.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline - Polo Club Development

Janet Ariemma said she has received several constituent emails opposing the Tennessee Gas Pipeline companies' application for their East 300 Upgrade Project. The project would construct a new compressor station in West Milford and an additional compressor at the company's existing compressor station in Sussex County, all to transport more fracked gas from Pennsylvania through New Jersey to Westchester County, NY. Members discussed concerns of the negative impacts on our water supply, public health, safety, and our environment.

CFMP Grant Update

Wolf gave an update on the status of our CFMP Grant. Kris Hasbrouck is finalizing the report and will file it online shortly. Once it is filed, we will need to start training and coming up with an annual action plan.

New DPW Site

Seibert discussed some of his concerns with the layout of the site. Wolf said he did speak to the state DEP about the testing that will be done at the proposed new DPW site. Pallotta was also looking into some of the other issues.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Mahwah NL Cedars Developers, LLC, 15 Arbor Lane, Block 126, Lot 129.03, E-BD-216-3316

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the construction of a new single-family home and excavation.

This application review was accepted following a motion made by Seibert; seconded by Phiefer. All other members were in favor.

Mahwah NL Cedars Developers, LLC, 16 Arbor Lane, Block 126, Lot 129.06, E-BD-216-3304

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the construction of a new single-family home. The Tree Preservation Application indicates 54 trees will be removed with 14 replacements.

Comments to Administrator Officer:

The Tree Preservation Application appears to be the original submission that was completed years ago. We would not approve the removal of an additional 54 trees.

This application review was accepted, excluding the tree removal request, following a motion made by Seibert; seconded by Pfister. All other members were in favor.

Newhouse, Lawrence and/or Norma, 24 Osborne Court, Block 126, Lot 133, E-BD-216-3327

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for property additions including a garage with second floor, driveway expansion, two-story addition on rear of home, patio and two decks.

This application review was accepted, excluding the tree removal request, following a motion made by Phiefer; seconded by Seibert. All other members were in favor.

Jacek Suchock, 14 Bartholf Lane, Block 157, Lot 16, E-BD-216-3329

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application a three-car garage addition, rear porch, rear deck and new walkways.

This application review was accepted, excluding the tree removal request, following a motion made by Pfister; seconded by Seibert. All other members were in favor.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Guido Realty, LLC, 295 & 305 State Highway Route 17 North, Block 63, Lots 10.01 & 10.02

The Environmental Commission received a Planning Board Application Review Report for a preliminary and final site plan. The review was deferred until the next meeting on February 24, 2021.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant application was reviewed and approved:

Marga Tile, Inc., 330 Franklin Turnpike, Block 102, Lot 26, TA21-0003

Tile and terrazzo contractors

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copies of public notification documentation for transformer spill sites at 143 Fisher Road, 91 Walnut Street West, 45 Southerland Drive, 575 Holly Court and 129 Indian Hollow Court – *Wolf asked Storms to ask the Business Administrator about this*
- Copy of a notice of resolution regarding the Campgaw Reservation Maintenance Building
- Copy of a letter from Applied Earth Solutions regarding a request for well information near 231 Route 17 (Mahwah U-Save)
- Copy of a letter from the state DEP regarding the Darlington Lake Dam
- Various copies of letters, agendas and minutes
- Emails regarding recent and upcoming events

NEW BUSINESS

Shade Tree Federation Membership Dues

Wolf signed the purchase requisition in the amount of \$95.

Member Vacancy

We have two interested applicants. Wolf will reach out to Mike Devaney to follow up and then will submit the names to the Mayor.

Upcoming Initiatives

Members discussed any initiatives the group would like to focus on in the future including the bike path, wildlife management, the new bamboo ordinance and the spotted lantern fly devastation. Wolf mentioned doing an awareness campaign regarding invasive species around our Community Forestry Management Plan.

Commission Reorganization – scheduled for next meeting when all are present

Wolf said we need to nominate members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair. Members elected to wait until everyone is present to take a vote.

There being no further questions or discussion, the remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:09 p.m. following a motion by Pfister; seconded by Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms
Secretary