

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

The remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2021 were approved following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Phiefer. All other present members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Certification Updates

Karin LaGreca sent a pending task list regarding our Sustainable Jersey efforts. Wolf went through the list briefly and asked that Storms send the document out to the group. We need as many points as possible for our Bronze certification.

DPW Site

Pallotta is working with township officials regarding the constituent concerns on the new DPW site on Micik Lane. He has also been in contact with nearby residents to keep them apprised of his efforts. He is scheduling a site visit for late Friday morning to get all of the involved parties on board. Mike Kelly said he will attend our next Environmental Commission meeting to discuss the site visit.

Tree Recovery Campaign – April 24, 2021

Wolf said we did not submit an application for this year's tree recovery campaign. As such, we may not be eligible to get any of the free seedlings. If we want to continue with the event, we need to decide how many trees to purchase. As soon as we have specifics from the DEP, he will pass it along to the group.

Rain Garden Update

Ariemma said at the last council meeting, the Beautification Committee was asking to install an irrigation system near the Rain Garden. Wolf said we should not need that much water in the rain garden. Carol Phiefer is coordinating with the committee on related beautification efforts.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Guzman, 34 Roxbury Road, Block 127, Lot 4, E-BD-304-698

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for an in-ground pool, pool house, drainage and patio on the property.

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

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Rakle USA, LLC, 1 Lethbridge Plaza, Suite 8, TA21-0006

E-commerce Office

NIPD-NJ, 45 Whitney Road, Unit 1, TA21-0007

Nonprofit; services for disabled veterans

CEO Security Solutions, 45 Whitney Road – B12, Block 173, Lot 147, TA21-0008

Security

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a public notice of pipeline maintenance for Algonquin Gas Transmission
- Emails from ANJEC regarding upcoming events
- Various copies of letters, agendas and minutes
- Emails regarding recent and upcoming events

NEW BUSINESS

DPW Micik Lane Site

Seibert asked if anyone has concerns about the retention basin on the site. Wolf said he does not personally have any concerns with the retention pond. Ariemma said she would like to see where the retention pond is going to be located on the site. Pallotta agreed and said they will look at the site on Friday.

Seibert said one-third of the building is going to be used for vehicle servicing. He said if the building is made smaller, there may be room to move the salt shed in a different location. The location of the proposed office is also not ideal. Wolf said we submitted all of these notes/concerns to the town. He said Mike Kelly will be at our next meeting and we can discuss our concerns with him.

Subcommittee Discussion

Wolf asked if anyone is interested in forming a subcommittee to focus on specific environmental objectives for Mahwah. Pfister said he would be interested in working on a subcommittee. Ariemma said we have an open space tax in town. She suggested we find

out how we can use the proceeds from that fund to purchase and preserve open space. Wolf said we might want to reach out to the Land Conservancy for more information.

ANJEC Grants

Pfister asked if we were aware of the small grants that ANJEC awards for projects. He said the grants may be a good fit for MEVO. He will share it with them.

CFMP Online Training

Wolf said we need two people for our CFMP training for our CFMP. Pfister volunteered to do the trainings with Wolf.

Rain Garden Update

Seibert said he recently visited the rain garden and it looks like it was recently maintained. Phiefer will coordinate what Jordan Glaser has done in terms of a spring cleanup; and get his recommendations on whether we might need an irrigation or sprinkler system at the site. Storms will forward Glaser's contact info to Phiefer.

Spring Newsletter Article Submission

Wolf said the newsletter will not come out until May. Karin LaGreca submitted several articles on the rain garden.

There being no further questions or discussion, the remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. following a motion by Pallotta; seconded by Pfister. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms
Secretary