

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held via remote video conference, was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
 Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison
 Tom McKeon
 Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison
 Richard Seibert (*called in at 8:34 p.m.*)
 Van Trat
 Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Carol Phiefer

The minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2020 were approved as submitted following a motion by McKeon; seconded by Pallotta. Ariemma and Trat abstained. All other present members were in favor.

Wolf welcomed newest member Van Trat to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Apple Ridge Update

In response to a recent call from a resident in the new Apple Ridge development, Pallotta said he visited the site and did not see anything of concern at the site in terms of debris not being disposed of properly. It looked like a typical new home construction site.

Rain Garden Update

Karin LaGreca will be presenting our work on the rain garden at the next League of Municipalities Annual Conference.

Rutherford Avenue Tree Issues

Two calls from Tom Mulvey. Wolf said it appears as though the trees in question are flowering pear trees, which are diseased and dying. Wolf said it doesn't appear to be on town property, but he will confirm and follow up with Tom Mulvey. If they are not on town property, we would have no jurisdiction.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received as of June 22, 2020

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Toll NJ IV, LLC, 14 Roxbury Road, Block 127, Lot 29, E-BD-216-3247

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 Pallotta; seconded by McKeon. All other members were in favor.

Mark Miletta, 11 Walsh Drive, Block 21.05, Lot 19, E-BD-216-304-678

The Environmental Commission received a Soil Movement Permit Application for the construction of a swimming pool and patio on the property. The Tree Preservation Application indicates three trees will be removed.

Wolf asked if we can find out whether there have been any prior applications for this application in the last 12 months. Storms will do this moving forward for all applications.

The review of this application was approved with the above comments following a motion made by McKeon; seconded by Trat. All other members were in favor.

Judy Boehm, 96 Walnut Street, Block 160, Lot 23, E-BD-216-3243

The Environmental Commission received a Soil Movement Permit Application for the demolition and reconstruction of a fire-damaged, single-family house with deck and patio. The Tree Preservation Application indicates three trees will be removed.

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

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Infinity Solar Systems, LLC, 575 Corporate Drive, Block 137, Lot 11, TA20-0011

Solar Panel Company – call center and management offices, as well as warehouse for equipment storage

Mahwah Primo, LLC, 320 Ridge Road, Block 138, Lot 151.02, TA20-0012

Change of ownership - hoagie shop

M. Dourado Concrete Inc., 12 Mountain Avenue, Block 130, Lot 6, TA20-0013

Change of ownership – construction contractor

Bolla Operating NJ Corp, 193 Route 17 North, Block 55, Lots 1, 2, and 3, TA20-0014

Change of ownership – gas station with convenience store

Bolla Operating NJ Corp, 261 Route 17 North, Block 59, Lot 17, TA20-0015

Change of ownership – gas station

Bolla Operating NJ Corp, 198 Route 17 South, Block 132, Lot 10, TA20-0016

Change of ownership – gas station with convenience store

Bolla Operating NJ Corp, 131 Route 17 South, Block 26, Lot 5, TA20-0017

Change of ownership – gas station with convenience store

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Email regarding municipal resilience grants for Sustainable Jersey
- Email regarding an upcoming Clean Energy Webinar
- Letter from Boswell Engineering re: Public Notification for a proposed telecommunication monopole at 1 Rozanski Lane
- Letter from DuBois & Associates re: a Freshwater Wetland General Permit for 73 Masonicus Road
- Letter from the NJDEP re: Notice of Violation and Offer of Settlement for the Laek Vreeland Dam
- Letter from PetroScience re: Application for a General Permit for 24 Osbourne Court
- Various copies of letters, agendas and minutes

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Consumer Confidence Water Report

Members discussed the latest water report issued to residents. Seibert had some concerns about the levels noted in the report. Storms will look for a copy of our last report.

OLD BUSINESS, CONTINUED

Ramapo River Cleanup

Wolf said he will reach back out and see if the interested constituents still wish to move forward with a river cleanup in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED

Sustainable Jersey Consultant Proposal

Wolf has received Karin LaGreca's proposal to serve as a consultant to submit the town's Sustainable Jersey certification. Storms will ask the Purchasing Department how many additional quotes we need to submit.

There being no further questions or discussion, the remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. following a motion by Pallotta; seconded by Seibert. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary