

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair

Tom McKeon  
Carol Phiefer  
Richard Seibert  
Van Trat  
Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison  
Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison

The minutes of the meeting held on June 24, 2020 were approved as submitted following a motion by McKeon; seconded by Trat. Phiefer abstained. All other present members were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Tree Ordinance

McKeon said he will follow up with the ordinance committee regarding our proposed updates to the municipal tree ordinance.

Community Forestry Management Plan

Wolf said Mr. Hasbrouck is finishing up his work on the town's Community Forestry Management Plan.

Ramapo River Cleanup

The Ramapo River cleanup is on hold due to the uncertainty of the pandemic and whether or not schools will open in September. We will look to hold the event in the spring instead.

Sustainable Jersey Update

We will begin working on our next certification round for Sustainable Jersey. Wolf urged members to look at the SNJ website and see if there's anything specific we would like to focus on in the coming months. Karin LaGreca will be our consultant for the work.

**SITE PLAN REVIEWS**

Laurjo Construction Company, 387 Campgaw Road, Block 148, Lot 43, Docket #603PF

The Environmental Commission received a Planning Board Application Review Soil for a major subdivision. The Soil Movement Application indicates an extension of Deerfield Terrace and two new single-family homes.

*Comments to Administrative Officer:*

Please confirm there are no tree removals as indicated in the application.

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

**SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

Richard Entrup, 5 Cortland Trail, Block 119, Lot 11, E-BD-216-304-681

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of an in-ground pool on the property.

*Comments to Administrative Officer:*

Please confirm the total soil movement cut, as it seems very low for an inground pool.

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.

Victor Varela, 101 Tam O' Shanter Drive, Block 118, Lot 42, E-BD-216-304-684

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of an in-ground pool, shed and fence on the property. The Tree Preservation Application indicates no trees will be removed for the work.

*Comments to Administrative Officer:*

Please confirm the soil movement cut and clarify what is happening to the remaining 150 cubic yards of soil.

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

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

The Environmental Commission reviewed an amended 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 one tree will be removed.

*Comments to Administrative Officer:*

Please confirm the soil to be exported.

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

Damian & Paula Pope, 350 Forest Road, Block 167, Lot 54, E-BD-216-304-686

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of an in-ground pool and patio. The Tree Preservation Application indicates no trees will be removed for the work.

*Comments to Administrative Officer:*

Please confirm the total impervious coverage after installation is within the allowed percentage.

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

Antonio & Sabrina Mule, 20 Windsor Terrace, Block 146, Lot 4, E-BD-216-304-687

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of an in-ground pool and patio. The Tree Preservation Application indicates no trees will be removed for the work.

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

**TENANT APPLICATIONS**

*None received as of July 20, 2020*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a letter from SWCA Environmental Consultants regarding Notice of Application for Permit for a statewide pipeline maintenance project
- Copy of a letter from the State DEP regarding an Area of Concern for 111 Stag Hill Road
- Copy of a letter from Sovereign Consulting regarding a Response Action Outcome for the Pilot Travel Center at 230 Route 17
- Copy of an FHA Individual Permit for Orange & Rockland Utilities in Mahwah
- Copy of a letter from Bohler regarding Application for a NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands General Permit for 1000 MacArthur Avenue
- Various copies of letters, agendas and minutes

**NEW BUSINESS**

Next Steps

Wolf asked members to think about what they would like to focus on in the year ahead and to bring ideas to our next meeting.

There being no further questions or discussion, the remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Wolf. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms  
Secretary