

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
 Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison (*via phone*)
 Tom McKeon (*arrived 7:40 p.m.*)
 Carol Phiefer
 Richard Seibert
 Van Trat
 Jennifer Storms, Secretary
 Karin LaGreca, Sustainable Jersey Consultant

Absent: Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison

The minutes of the meeting held on July 22, 2020 were approved with a minor change on page one per McKeon, following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Trat. Ariemma abstained. All other present members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Update

Karin LaGreca gave an update on the status of our Sustainable Jersey certification and distributed a handout highlighting our actions that need to be updated. We can recertify as bronze for 150 points or try to achieve silver status for 350 points. Members discussed their various responsibilities and priorities for the initiative. She will come back in a month to check on the status.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received as of August 10, 2020

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Mahwah Full Gospel Church, 127 Grove Street, Block 58A, Lots 1 & 2, E-BD-216-3253

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the replacement of a retaining wall on the property.

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

Michael Adoni, 16 Franklin Street, Block 172, Lots 10-12, 39-41, E-BD-216-304-688

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of a pool, cabana, patio and retaining wall on the property.

Comments to Administrative Officer:

Please confirm the composition of the non-soil fill. Also, what is the total impervious coverage on the lot after the addition? Does this still meet the zoning ordinance?

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

Jared Sarnowski, 179 Island Road, Block 61, Lot 55, E-BD-216-3257

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the partial removal of the existing structure on the property and a two-story addition.

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

Alciero, 12 Glasgow Terrace, Block 134, Lot 5, E-BD-216-3259

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the construction of a detached barn/garage on the property.

Comments to Administrative Officer:

Please confirm the soil movement cut and clarify where the extra cubic yards of soil come from.

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

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following application was reviewed and approved:

Mohamad A Daramen, 140 Franklin Turnpike, Block 71, Lot 3, TA20-0018

Convenience Store

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Various copies of letters, agendas and minutes
- Hackensack Tidelines, Summer 2020, Issue 2
- Email regarding dead tree removals at 37 Osbourne Court – Wolf will ask Tom Mulvey to visit the property and look at the trees in question

NEW BUSINESS

Next Steps

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

Article Handout - DEP grants target algae blooms, pollution

Seibert distributed an informational article about grants to reduce the impacts of pollution on waterways in the state. Members discussed.

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 Seibert; seconded by Ariemma. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary