

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021**

The remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
 Megan Charles
 Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison
 Jack Pfister
 Carol Phiefer
 Richard Seibert, Co-Chair
 Mike Devaney, Alternate I (*joined at 7:09*)
 Sally Coda, Alternate II
 Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Janet Ariemma

The minutes of the meeting held on October 13, 2021 were approved with changes on page 1 and 2 following a motion by Pfister; seconded by Coda. Seibert, Charles and Pallotta abstained. All other present members voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Styrofoam Collection Drive – October 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coda asked if there was anything we need to do regarding the upcoming styrofoam collection drive. The event will be postponed if it is raining. Members discussed hosting a styrofoam awareness event at the library. The collection drive is scheduled for October 30.

CFMP Tree Plan

Wolf said he would like to start looking into our tree plan for the upcoming year. Members suggested we hire the town arborist to develop a plan and make recommendations. The trees will be planted near Continental Soldier's Park, the Mahwah Pool, Winter's Pond and along Macarthur Boulevard.

Municipal Tree Ordinance Amendments

The Ordinance Committee is working on the municipal tree ordinance amendments we have proposed.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The business administrator is looking at adding two charging stations in town.

Water Forum

Coda discussed our previous Water Forum with the business administrator, who was interested in it but asked for more information. Wolf will pull up a previous presentation to send to him.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received as of October 12, 2021

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Soil Movement Permit Applications were reviewed:

Bonnie Inserra, 158 McIntosh Drive, Block 120.01, Lot 129, E-BD-216-3421

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for an addition and new driveway on the property.

Comments to Administrative Officer:

Please have the applicant indicate on the plans where the new driveway will be located. The plans are also missing slope markers to determine any steep slope issues.

This application review was deferred pending additional information following a motion by Pfister; seconded by Devaney. Coda abstained as Alternate II. All other present members voted in favor.

Adam Fylstra, 115 Third Street, Block 56, Lot 27, E-BD-216-3425

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a new front porch and two-car garage on the property. The related Tree Preservation Application indicates no tree removals.

Comments to Administrative Officer:

Please clarify if the impervious coverage is added or total on the application.

This application review was accepted following a motion by Wolf; seconded by Devaney. Coda abstained as Alternate II. All other present members voted in favor.

Cathrine Holtham, 108 Kohout Drive, Block 147, Lot 20, E-BD-216-304-717

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of an inground pool, patio and rear walkway on the property. The related Tree Preservation Application indicates 4 trees on the property; of which all will be removed and replaced with Norway Spruce trees.

Comments to Administrative Officer:

Please clarify that the existing tree count is accurate. The property appears to have more than 4 trees total. Please also note replacement trees should be native, deciduous trees from the township's approved list.

This application review was accepted following a motion by Devaney; seconded by Charles. Coda abstained as Alternate II. All other present members were in favor.

Anthony Petralia, 21 Chapel Road, Block 157, Lot 6, E-BD-216-3423

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the construction of a single-family home on the property. The related Tree Preservation Application indicates 6 trees on the property; of which one will be removed and replaced with a Red Maple.

This application review was accepted following a motion by Devaney; seconded by Phiefer. Coda abstained as Alternate II. All other present members were in favor.

Joseph Musumeci, 37 Island Road, Mahwah, LLC, 39 Island Road, Block 47, Lot 61, E-BD-216-3430

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the construction of a single-family home on the property.

This application review was accepted following a motion by Wolf; seconded by Devaney. Coda abstained as Alternate II. All other present members were in favor.

Joseph Musumeci, 37 Island Road, Mahwah, LLC, 37 Island Road, Block 47, Lot 62, E-BD-216-3429

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the construction of a single-family home on the property.

This application review was accepted following a motion by Wolf; seconded by Devaney. Coda abstained as Alternate II. All other present members were in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant application was reviewed and approved:

Mahwah Nails, 109 Miller Road, Block 72, Lot 17, TA21-0032
Nail salon

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Various emails, public notices and agendas

NEW BUSINESS

Remote Meetings

Devaney proposed the Commission begin to meet in person again, and heard on the last council meeting that groups are allowed to meet in the building again. Storms will inquire again about the process to meet in person. Members agreed that if we are to meet in person, we would still offer a zoom option. Wolf said we will plan to meet in person at our November and December meetings.

Member Vacancies

Members discussed the current vacancies and member terms expiring at the end of the year. Wolf will make his recommendations.

2022 Budget Preparation

Members discussed our budget priorities for next year. He will begin working on our draft budget proposal.

There being no further questions or discussion, the remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. following a motion by Pallotta; seconded by Pfister. All in favor. Our next remote meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms
Secretary