

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison (*via conference call*)
Tom McKeon
Carol Phiefer
Richard Seibert
Van Trat
Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison

The minutes of the meeting held on August 26, 2020 were approved following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Trat. All other present members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Update

Karin LaGreca will attend the next meeting to provide an update on our Sustainable Jersey efforts.

Eagle Scout Fishing Line Project

Wolf received approval from Administration for a local Eagle Scout initiative to install used fishing line receptacles at Winter's Pond. The initiative is to create awareness of the impact of discarded fishing lines to wildlife and the surrounding habitat. There was a spelling error on the sign created by the scout, which will be corrected before it is posted.

Ramapo River Cleanup

Wolf said DPW will check to make sure the collected items were picked up.

Municipal Tree Ordinance Update

Wolf will follow up with Brian Campion to check on the status of our proposed changes.

Mahwah Day/Community Involvement Day

Ariemma said that in lieu of Mahwah Day being canceled due to coronavirus, there is a local group planning a smaller scale event. She said she would have liked to see the Environmental Commission participate. Wolf said due to coronavirus, the event organizers likely needed to keep the participant list down.

Fall Newsletter

Wolf said articles for the next issue of the fall newsletter are due tomorrow.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

William Rahal, 9 Seton Lane, Block 21.04, Lot 14, E-BD-216-304-689

The Environmental Commission received a Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of an in-ground pool, patio and boulder wall on the property. The Tree Preservation Application indicates 20 trees on the property, of which four will be removed.

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

Brian Ahrendt, 10 Glenmere Terrace, Block 148, Lot 1, E-BD-216-3269

The Environmental Commission received a Soil Movement Permit Application for the construction of a detached garage and driveway extension on the property.

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

Toll NJ IV, LLC, 23 Roxbury Road, Block 127.01, Lot 9, E-BD-216-3272

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

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

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following applications were reviewed and approved:

OEM Associates, Inc., 31 Industrial Avenue, Block 102, Lot 32, TA20-0022

Online sales of cell phone accessories

SQ Pizza, 380 Route 17 South, Block 137, Lot 4, TA20-0021

Pizza restaurant

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Various copies of letters, agendas and minutes
- Emails regarding recent and upcoming ANJEC events

NEW BUSINESS

15, 17 & 19 Mountain Ave, Block 47, Lots 28.01-28.03, Docket #1468-19(S)

The Environmental Commission received an email clarifying several questions we had on a Soil Movement Permit Application submitted in October 2019.

Comments to Administrative Officer:

This application is accept subject to confirmation that at least six new trees will be planted.

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

Soil Sample Concerns

Ariemma said she is concerned about the soil testing being conducted at the DPW sites in town. She is also concerned about the freshwater delineation at the firehouse, and why the Environmental Commission has not received any test results to date. Wolf will ask Quentin if anything has been distributed.

Handout – California Windstorm Article

Seibert distributed an article about windstorms along the Pacific coast.

Sustainable Jersey Reminder

Wolf urged everyone to continue working on their respective assignments for our Sustainable Jersey certification.

There being no further questions or discussion, the remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Phiefer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey.

J. Storms
Secretary