

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey and via remote video conference, was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Janet Ariemma (remote)  
Megan Charles, Alternate I (remote)  
Sally Coda  
Mike Devaney  
Ward Donigian, Council Liaison (arrived 7:33 p.m.)  
Victoria Galow  
Jack Pfister  
Richard Seibert  
Richard Wolf

Jennifer Storms, Secretary  
Karin LaGreca

Absent: Gary Montroy, Alternate II

The minutes of the meeting held on December 14, 2022 were approved following a motion by Devaney; seconded by Coda. Seibert abstained. All other present members voted in favor.

Nominations for 2023 Officers

Coda nominated Rich Wolf as Chair and Jack Pfister as Vice Chair; seconded by Devaney. All members voted in favor of the nominations.

Pfister made a motion to open the meeting to the public; seconded by Charles. All in favor.

Karin LaGreca – Update on Sustainable Jersey & 2023 Ideas

LaGreca gave an update on our Sustainable Jersey efforts. Storms will prepare the 2022 Site Plan Review spreadsheet for an additional 10 points. Members discussed other initiatives we may want to look into for additional actions in the future.

Devaney made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Galow. All in favor.

Pfister motioned to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Galow. All in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2023 Recycling Grant Opportunities

Administration was notified of two recycling grant opportunities we can consider – one for recycling bins and one for educational programs. Wolf will speak to DPW and find out how many we should request. We would also plan to develop an educational program about reducing and reusing materials. Charles suggested we involve local high school students who can present to younger children in our schools. Ariemma suggested we also plan a composting seminar. Wolf will coordinate with Administration.

Ariemma also asked if we can do anything to address the Spotted Lanternfly issue. Members discussed adding a link about the state's awareness initiative to the Mahwah homepage. Storms will coordinate.

### **SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

Themistoklis Nissirios, 1 Pierson Court, Block 105, Lot 87.42, E-BD-216-304-736

*Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of swimming pool on the property*

Pfister noted his concerns about the slope of the property. Members also noted there was no fence noted on the site plan.

*Comments to Administrative Office & Township Engineer:*  
Please ensure proper fencing is installed around the pool.

Devaney made a motion to accept the review with the above comment; seconded by Pfister. All members voted in favor of accepting the application.

### **TENANT APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were reviewed and approved:

Ryan Sim – Coffice LLC, 75 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 47, Lot 4.01, TA22-0044

*Online retailer/E-commerce*

Feuersenger Electric, Inc. – 115 Christie Avenue, Block 70, Lots 12 & 13, TA23-0001

*Electrical Contracting*

M Power Med, Inc. – 1 Lethbridge Plaza, Suite 23, Block 63, Lot 6, TA23-0002

*Medical billing*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Bergen County Utilities Authority Public Hearing Notice
- Various emails, public notices and agendas

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Coda asked if we have another date scheduled for a Styrofoam/Paper Shredding event.

Coda said there is a significant amount of trash in the area surrounding Lake Henry. Members discussed scheduling another cleanup.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Devaney. All in favor. The next meeting will be held via remote video conference and in-person at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, and is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms  
Secretary