

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022**

The remote and in-person meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
 Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison (remote)
 Megan Charles (remote)
 Sally Coda (remote)
 Mike Devaney (remote)
 Jack Pfister (remote)
 Richard Seibert, Co-Chair
 Victoria Galow, Alternate I (remote)
 Gary Montroy, Alternate II (remote – left call at 7:47 p.m.)
 Jennifer Storms, Secretary

The minutes of the meeting held on December 8, 2021 were approved following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Coda. Charles abstained. All other present members voted in favor: Wolf, Ariemma, Pfister, Seibert, Devaney and Coda.

Wolf welcomed new Commission members Gary Montroy and Vicky Galow and thanked them for volunteering their time on the Commission.

Member Nominations

Seibert nominated Wolf as Chair and himself as Vice Chair. Charles seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the nominations.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Update

Wolf said he would like to continue working on our priorities for our Sustainable Jersey certification. He suggested we continue to give biweekly updates over the next few months. Members discussed.

Bike/Walking Path

Montroy suggested coordinating with Ramapo College on a bike and walking path initiative. He serves on the Library Board of Trustees for the college and will provide the Commission with a contact there to arrange an introductory meeting.

Budget Review

Budget proposals have not yet been submitted. We should be receiving guidance from Administration in the next few weeks.

Municipal Tree Plan

Ariemma said we may be able to plant more municipal trees along MacArthur Boulevard. Wolf will follow up with the Business Administrator and DPW.

Municipal Tree Ordinance Updates

Wolf said the Municipal Tree Ordinance is still being reviewed by the ordinance committee. Members discussed. Montroy said he would be happy to review the draft ordinance while he is filling in for the Planning & Zoning Office.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Soil Movement Permit Applications were reviewed:

Rodas, 11 Braeburn Court, Block 127, Lot 40, E-BD-216-304-703

The Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application to construct an in-ground swimming pool on the property.

The application review was approved following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Pfister.

Brito, 3 Morris Avenue, Block 162, Lot 221, E-BD-216-304-720

The Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application to construct an in-ground swimming pool on the property.

The application review was approved following a motion by Pfister; seconded by Seibert. Charles abstained.

Lemons, 129 Rutherford Road, Block 105, Lot 87.302, E-BD-216-304-722

The Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application to construct an in-ground swimming pool on the property.

The application review was approved following a motion by Devaney; seconded by Wolf. Pfister abstained, citing clarification on the elevations noted on the site plan. All other present members voted in favor.

Members also discussed a pool being constructed just down the street from this address. We do not recall seeing a soil movement application for that property. Storms will inquire in the Planning & Zoning Department.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed:

Green Valley Group Inc., State Highway 17, Block 26, Lot 9, TA21-0036

Landscaping

Comments to Construction Department:

There is no specific address listed. Storms will clarify the exact address and we will defer to the next meeting.

The following tenant applications were approved:

Lap of Love Veterinary Practice Holdings II, LLC, 200 Route 17 South, Suite 212, Block 132, Lot 11, TA21-0038

Mobile veterinary services

Kaeos Fitness LLC, 1029 MacArthur Blvd, Block 138, Lot 151.01, TA22-0001
Personal training studio

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Hackensack Tidelines, Fall/Winter 2021 Issue
- Letter from the Hackensack Riverkeeper
- Letter to Boswell Engineering regarding 37 Island Road
- Freshwater Wetlands Permit Application Notice from Colliers Engineering regarding Darlington Lake, Block 141, Lot 4, 5 & 7
- Various emails, public notices and agendas

NEW BUSINESS

2022 ANJEC Membership Dues

Wolf made a motion to accept the dues of \$525 for the year; seconded by Coda. All other members voted to approve the dues for the year, pending a corrected invoice from ANJEC. Storms will request an invoice for 2022 and process accordingly.

Upcoming Initiatives for 2022

Wolf said we need to follow up for more information about the state's tree seedling giveaway for this year. He also said we should consider whether we want to do another styrofoam recycling event this year. Wolf welcomed other ideas from members.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:53 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Charles. All in favor. Our next meeting will be held via remote video conference, and is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms
Secretary