

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022**

The remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
 Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison
 Megan Charles (*joined call at 7:16 p.m.*)
 Sally Coda
 Mike Devaney
 Jack Pfister
 Richard Seibert, Co-Chair
 Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Victoria Galow, Alternate I
 Gary Montroy, Alternate II

The minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2022 were approved following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Coda. All other present members voted in favor: Wolf, Ariemma, Coda, Devaney, Pfister and Seibert.

PUBLIC SESSION

Seibert made a motion to open the meeting to the public; seconded by Devaney. All in favor.

Wolf opened the meeting to the public and asked if any members of the public wished to speak.

CLOSED SESSION

There being no comments from the public, Seibert made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Devaney. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Water Report

Members discussed the results of the Municipal Water Report, which indicated the Mahwah Water Department has levels of PFOS above a drinking water standard. Ariemma noted her concerns and said she would like to have the water tested in her neighborhood. The town is hosting a town hall meeting on Monday to discuss the results. Several members expressed an interest in joining the meeting.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Soil Movement Permit Applications were reviewed:

Monroe Str LLC, Onur Sasmaz/Tahir Tahirgil, Monroe Drive, Block 149, Lot 20.02, Docket #544 FM-SD(S)

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application to construct a single-family dwelling on the property.

The proposal was accepted following a motion by Devaney; seconded by Wolf. Ariemma and Seibert also voted in favor. Pfister and Coda opposed. Charles abstained.

Members also discussed conducting a site visit to see the property.

Robert M. Ferguson III, 23 Appert Terrace, Block 159, Lot 74, E-BD-216-304-721

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

The proposal was accepted following a motion by Charles; seconded by Devaney.

Eitner, 44 Bramshill Drive, Block 23.02, Lot 17, E-BD-216-3443

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a new driveway with curb cut, new retaining walls, front steps and entry landing on the property.

Comments to Administrative Officer:

The Commission recommended that the applicant replace the asphalt with a paver driveway and consider additional mitigation aspects for the water runoff.

The proposal was accepted with the above recommendation following a motion by Wolf; seconded by Seibert. Ariemma and Charles also voted in favor. Code, Devaney and Pfister opposed.

Tyrone Marnotes & Jennifer Schutte, 21 East Crescent Ave., Block 118, Lot 9, Dkt#1488-21(S)

The Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application to remove an existing dwelling and expand the dwelling on the existing garage.

The proposal was accepted following a motion by Pfister; seconded by Coda. All other members voted in favor.

Hakula, 74 Glenmere Terrace, Block 149, Lot 5, E-BD-216-3445

The Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application to excavate for an addition on the property.

Comments to Administrative Officer:

Please have the applicant confirm if the addition, new driveway and expansion of the retaining wall are part of this application.

The proposal was deferred pending additional clarification following a motion by Wolf; seconded by Pfister. All other members voted in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

None received

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- The Environmental Commission reviewed a packet from the Rio Vista Mahwah Homeowners Association regarding the property surrounding the proposal for Fyke Brook Estates, LLC.
- Wolf asked the members to review the packet to discuss at a future meeting. Members also discussed an area on Edison Road (in an industrial zone), where they may be a similarly affected stream.

OPEN SESSION

Wolf made a motion to open to the public, Pfister seconded. All in favor.

Catherine Abbott, Property Manager of the Rio Vista Homeowners Association, said the association wanted to make us aware about the environmental concerns occurring on the site of 1 Fyke Road. She thanked the Commission for its hard work and said the Commission can contact her with any future questions or concerns.

Wolf asked members to review the packets, and that we will discuss again at an upcoming meeting. Storms will request a copy of the latest review for Fyke Road, LLC from the Planning & Zoning Department.

CLOSED SESSION

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

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainable Jersey Update

Wolf said he sent an email to Pfister about scheduling a meeting with the Business Administrator to discuss an extension to our Sustainable Jersey certification. Pfister is coordinating a climate adaptation preparedness strategy.

Budget Review

Our 2022 budget proposal was submitted this week.

ID Cards

Wolf asked Storms to inquire if the police department is still printing identification cards for Commission members.

Trex Plastic Initiative

The Commission received an email from a local resident who coordinated a Trex Recycling Challenge in Wyckoff. Members discussed. Storms will reach out to the constituent for more information.

Tree Seedling Giveaway/Styrofoam Collection

Wolf submitted an application for 500 free tree seedlings as part of the Earth Day giveaway, which is scheduled for April 23, 2022. We also plan to do another styrofoam collection event that same day. Wolf said he will find out when the town plans to do a paper shredding day as well.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Pfister. All in favor. Our next meeting will be held via remote video conference, and is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms
Secretary