

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held via remote video conference and in-person at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Janet Ariemma
Sally Coda
Mike Devaney
Victoria Galow
Jack Pfister (remote)
Richard Seibert
Richard Wolf
Megan Charles, Alternate I (remote)

Jennifer Storms, Secretary
Karin LaGreca, SNJ Consultant

Absent: Gary Montroy, Alternate II
Ward Donigian, Council Liaison

The minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2023 were approved following a motion by Devaney; seconded by Pfister. All other present members voted in favor. Charles abstained.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

CLOSED SESSION

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ridgewood Styrofoam Processing

Ridgewood now has shared services agreement in place for styrofoam processing. Coda will reach out to the town for more information.

Eagle Scout Initiative – Artificial Floating Island

Eagle Scout Tommy McKeon gave an update on the status of his floating island project at Winter's Park.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Ramsey BPW, Borough of Ramsey and McKay Brothers, LLC, 611 North Central Avenue, Block 139, Lot 5, Docket #1530-22

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Board of Adjustment Application for a 180-foot monopole.

Seibert made a motion to accept the application; seconded by Devaney. Ariemma voted against. Coda and Pfister abstained. Galow and Wolf voted in favor. Approved.

Soil Movement Permit Applications

Ramsey Auto Group, 436 Route 17 South, Block 140, Lots 2 & 3, Docket #629(S)

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement & Tree Preservation Applications for the construction of a new building on the property.

Devaney made a motion to accept the application; seconded by Pfister. All other members voted in favor.

Yaming He, 20 Arbor Lane, Block 126, Lot 29.07, E-BD-216-304-739

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for an inground swimming pool and patio on the property.

Seibert made a motion to accept the application; seconded by Devaney. All other members voted in favor.

53 Feldman LLC, 53 Feldman Court, Block 156, Lot 33, E-BD-216-3547

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a proposed home renovation on the property.

Devaney made a motion to accept the application; seconded by Coda. All other members voted in favor.

Tenant Applications

The following tenant applications were reviewed and accepted:

7 Leighton Place LLC, 7 Leighton Place, Block 181, Lot 4/1, Tenant #23-0012

Change of ownership for a sports facility

Camp Acorn, Inc., 10 Leighton Place, Block 173, Lot 138, Tenant #23-00111

Enrichment programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities

Tree Preservation/Removal Requests

Correspondence

None received

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CLOSED SESSION

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

OLD BUSINESS

April 22 Tree Giveaway, Paper Shredding and Styrofoam Collection

Coda gave an update on the collection efforts.

Municipal Tree Plantings

Wolf discussed our municipal tree planting plan. DPW is planting 17 trees in the spring; the other 8 trees will be planted in the fall.

Wildlife Forum

The forum is scheduled for May 17, 2023 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Members discussed an agenda. Coda will send the information over to TYCO and other speakers to coordinate talking points.

Mahwah Day Discussion

Wolf asked members to start thinking about ideas for Mahwah Day.

Bike Path

LaGreca said there is a new administration at Ramapo College and they are interested in pursuing a bike path. Members discussed.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. following a motion by Galow; seconded by Seibert. 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, May 10, 2023 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms
Secretary