

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021**

The remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:01 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 8:01 p.m.*)
Carol Phiefer
Jack Pfister
Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison
Richard Seibert, Co-Chair

The minutes of the meeting held on May 12, 2021 were approved with a change on page 2 following a motion by Pfister; seconded by Phiefer. All other present members were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

DPW Site Update

Wolf said he does not have any new updates on the status of the proposed site and he cannot find the newest version of where the detention pond will be located.

ANJEC Grant

Wolf said we did not receive the ANJEC grant for the Rain Garden and Artificial Floating Island. He said he thinks we should go through our budget to do this project on our own. Wolf will go through the budget with Storms. The business administrator is checking on the status of the municipal tree fund.

Stag Hill Camera Update

Ariemma asked about the status of installing cameras on Stag Hill to prevent illegal dumping. Wolf said he will check on the status with the business administrator.

Boy Scout Partnership

At the request of Anne Powley from the Historic Preservation Commission, members discussed coordinating a styrofoam collection along with the county's next paper shredding event.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Tyron Marnotes and Jennifer Shutte, 21 East Crescent Avenue, Block 118, Lot 8, Docket #1488-21

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Board of Adjustment Application Review Report for the conversion and expansion of the existing detached garage into a new principal residence.

This application review was accepted following a motion made by Pfister; seconded by Phiefer. All other members were in favor.

Brew Land LLC, 219 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 132, Lot 3.01, Docket #625

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Planning Board Application Review Report for the proposed addition of an outdoor pavilion on the property.

This application review was accepted following a motion made by Pfister; seconded by Phiefer. All other members were in favor.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

1111 MacArthur Blvd LLC, 1111 MacArthur Blvd, Block 136, Lots 14 & 15, E-BD-216-3360

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the removal of a grass circle within the parking lot/existing traffic circle.

Comments to Administrative Officer and Township Engineer:

Please provide the rationale for paving over the only green infrastructure on the property.

This application review was held pending further information.

Toll NJ IV, LLC, 2 Roxbury Road, Block 127, Lot 26, E-BD-216-3359

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

This application review was accepted following a motion made by Wolf; seconded by Pfister. All other members were in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

None received

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Letter from a new Mahwah resident who is interested in participating in a community composting initiative
- Email from resident regarding the proposed Fyke Road Development – Wolf will follow up with resident
- Call from resident regarding trash at train station
- Call from resident regarding wetlands behind her townhome – Storms will follow up with the resident for more information
- Various copies of letters, agendas and minutes
- Upcoming ANJEC training sessions and webinars
- Emails regarding recent and upcoming events

NEW BUSINESS

New Township Email Addresses

The town is moving forward with creating providing township email addresses for all commission and board members.

Raingarden Cleanup Purchase Order

Storms submitted the purchase order for a spring cleanup at the raingarden. Phiefer made a motion to approve the purchase order for \$550; Pfister seconded. All other members were in favor.

Electric Vehicle Charging Ports

Wolf has researched dual port electric vehicle charging stations and requested a quote from an outside vendor. Members discussed grant opportunities.

Styrofoam Collections, continued

Charles inquired about the proposed styrofoam collection. Members discussed.

225 East Crescent Avenue

We received a complaint from a resident that numerous trees were cut down on the property. Wolf is waiting to speak to Tom Mulvey to find out what the homeowners were approved to do. Wolf has been trying to get an update from the ordinance committee regarding our changes to the municipal tree ordinance.

There being no further questions or discussion, the remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. following a motion by Pfister; seconded by Phiefer. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms
Secretary