

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021**

The remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present:       Richard Wolf, Chair  
                  Megan Charles (*joined at 7:07 p.m.*)  
                  Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison (*joined at 7:28 p.m.*)  
                  Carol Phiefer  
                  Jack Pfister  
                  Richard Seibert, Co-Chair  
                  Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent:         Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison

The minutes of the meeting held on May 26, 2021 were approved following a motion by Phiefer; seconded by Pfister. Seibert abstained. All other present members were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Tree Removals - 225 East Crescent Avenue

We received a complaint from a resident that numerous trees were cut down on the property. According to Tom Mulvey, the property owner was approved to take down a total of eight dead and/or dying trees.

Stag Hill Camera Update

Wolf spoke to the business administrator about installing security cameras on Stag Hill to discourage illegal dumping. The business administrator was in support of researching the idea. Wolf said we will rework our initial proposal and then we can determine how to move forward with a plan for the site.

Ridge Gardens Wetlands Cleanup Update

We received a call from a resident regarding the wetlands behind her townhome, and who would be responsible for cleaning up the area. Storms followed up with the resident and referred her to DPW and the county mosquito control commission.

Bike Path

Seibert asked if we have any plans to do anything with our plans for a bike path. The town's grant writer is going to prepare a feasibility study in the future. Charles volunteered to spearhead the initiative with the grant writer. Storms will put it on the agenda for our next meeting.

Mahwah Day

Wolf asked Storms to add a Mahwah Day discussion to our next meeting agenda.

DPW Site Update

Members discussed the soil testing conducted on the site. Pallotta said all of the soil tests came back within the limits of what is acceptable. Wolf said he is still trying to determine if the tests were conducted near the pond.

**SITE PLAN REVIEWS**

Prestige Pre-Owned, 7 Industrial Avenue, Block 110.02, Lot 1, Docket #1491-21

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Board of Adjustment Application Review Report for the demolition and construction of a new building on the property.

This application review was deferred pending further information; the Environmental Commission would like a better understanding of any potential green infrastructure options to offset the building size. Storms will request the digital site plan from the Board of Adjustment.

**SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

Toll NJ IV, LLC, 253 East Crescent Avenue, Block 127, Lot 46, E-BD-216-3364

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 Pfister; seconded by Pallotta. All other members were in favor.

Justin Rowley, 10 Braeburn Court, Block 127, Lot 39, E-BD-216-304-708

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for the installation of a new in-ground swimming pool, patio, pavilion, landscape wall and fence on the property.

This application review was accepted following a motion made by Wolf; seconded by Phiefer. Pallotta and Seibert voted in favor. Pfister and Charles opposed, citing concerns due to the potential runoff created with the plan.

**TENANT APPLICATIONS**

The following tenant application was reviewed and approved:

Landscape Dynamix, LLC, 30 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 39, Lots 5 & 6, TA21-0017  
*Landscape company*

*Comments:*

Please confirm if there is any storage of equipment that contains gasoline on the property and that any applicable safety precautions are being taken due to the site's proximity to residential property and the river.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Email from the Highlands Council regarding an upcoming seminar on green infrastructure
- Email from resident regarding how to recycle shipping bags
- Copy of a letter from the state DEP regarding Fyke Brook Estate, LLC
- Various copies of letters, agendas and minutes
- Upcoming ANJEC training sessions and webinars

- Emails regarding recent and upcoming events

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mahwah Day**

Members discussed giveaways for Mahwah Day. Wolf said he will reach out to DPW to see what they have left over from last year. Storms will pull up the information for the reusable bags we had printed two years ago. Storms will inquire if the vendor application is available yet.

There being no further questions or discussion, the remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. following a motion by Charles; seconded by Pfister. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms  
Secretary