

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey and via remote video conference, was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison
Sally Coda
Mike Devaney (*remote*)
Jack Pfister (*remote*)
Victoria Galow, Alternate I
Richard Seibert, Co-Chair
Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Megan Charles
Gary Montroy, Alternate II

The minutes of the meeting held on June 22, 2022 were approved following a motion by Coda; seconded by Pfister. All other present members voted in favor.

There were no members of the public present. Wolf motioned to waive the Public Session on the Agenda. No objections were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

Santosh Dubey & Amiv Bala, 560 Wyckoff Avenue, Block 153, Lot 1.05, E-BD-216-3456

Members discussed the status of an application the Commission rejected on April 27, 2022. The vast majority of the trees were recently cut down on the property, before the Commission was sent the information we requested. Members discussed. Wolf will follow up with Mike Kelly on the approved landscaping plan, and we will invite Mike Kelly to a future meeting to learn more about the approval process.

Mahwah Day Planning

Coda has volunteered to work on the booth for Mahwah Day. Storms will submit an application when this year's applications are made available. We also plan to order new Commission shirts. Storms will reach out for quotes.

Salem Oak Planting

Wolf planted the Salem Oak at Continental Soldier's. Coda laminated an informational sign to post at the site until something more permanent can be created. Members discussed.

48 Pulis Avenue – BOA Application

The Board of Adjustment is hearing this application at its July 20, 2022 meeting. We rejected this application citing concerns about the close proximity to wetlands. Members discussed.

Artificial Floating Island

Devaney said he is still in correspondence with Tom McKeon on the Artificial Floating Island.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

William Moran, 24 Franklin Street, Block 172, Lot 20, Docket #634SD
Planning Board Application Review Report for a proposed minor subdivision

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Site Plan Application for the above application. Members discussed and noted their concerns.

Comments to the Administrative Officer:

This subdivision would create excess stormwater runoff, as well as excess water and sewer usage in a zone not designated for two large homes. The Commission also has concerns about any potential tree removals. Furthermore, the applicant has not demonstrated a reasonable hardship to be granted the variance.

Pfister made a motion to reject the application; seconded by Coda. Galow abstained. All other present members voted in favor of rejecting the application.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

None received

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant application was deferred pending additional information:

Atlantech Systems Inc., 65 Ramapo Valley Road, Suite 101A, Block 41, Lot 1, TA22-0031
Sales for glass, windows, railing and sky lights

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Various emails, public notices and agendas
- Letter concerning a complaint at 33 Deerfield Terrace

NEW BUSINESS

Trex Recycling Initiative

Coda said we have collected a total of 150 pounds of plastic so far. Members discussed.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Galow. 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, July 27, 2022 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms

Secretary