

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 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 7:03 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
 Richard Seibert, Co-Chair
 Sally Coda (*remote*) (*left call at 8:25 p.m.*)
 Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison
 Megan Charles (*remote*)
 Mike Devaney
 Gary Montroy, Alternate II (*remote*) (*left call at 7:30 p.m.*)
 Jack Pfister (*remote*)
 Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Victoria Galow, Alternate I

The minutes of the meeting held on July 27, 2022 were approved following a motion by Devaney; seconded by Pfister. Ariemma, Coda and Montroy abstained. 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.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received

OLD BUSINESS

Montroy gave an update on several pending tenant applications and site plans. Regarding tenant applications, Montroy said the businesses in the Mahwah Business Park have been inspected and are in compliance.

The Environmental Commission also had several concerns regarding a recent site plan approval at 48 Pulis Avenue. Montroy said he believes there is no municipal sewer on the property, so our concerns regarding a septic system will be forwarded to the Health Department.

Montroy also discussed the preliminary DPW Design we reviewed at our last meeting. He noted there are no environmental concerns on the proposed site. There will be at least six EV charging stations on the site. There will be no increase in stormwater running off of the site. Members discussed.

Montroy said he wants people to understand that environmental issues are very important to this community. He thanked the Environmental Commission for its diligence in bringing its concerns to the table.

Municipal Water Report

Seibert distributed copies of the recent municipal water report. Members discussed the report's findings.

Master Plan

Ariemma asked if anything has been done regarding warehousing in the Master Plan. Members discussed how the demand for warehousing will affect our Master Plan in the future.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Ryan & Natalie Tremblay, 10 Trotters Lane, Block 21.02, Lot 16, E-BD-216-3487

Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for a driveway

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

Pulis Mills Realty/Chaudhry, 48 Pulis Avenue, Block 164, Lot 24, Dkt. #1515-22S

Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of a single-family home on the property

Comments to Administrative Officer:

The Environmental Commission still does not believe this site is a buildable lot. The steep slope and municipal sewer hookup remain a concern.

The soil movement figures do not add up; please have the applicant clarify. If cutting 279 and importing 103 (total 382 available) and only filling 176 cubic yards, there are 206 cubic yards unaccounted for in the wetlands. There is no tree removal plan presented in the plans – given the variance granted for the steep slope and the property's proximity to wetlands, we would recommend there are no trees removed from the property. The Commission also still remains concerned where the septic system will go in a wetlands if a sewer hookup is not available.

Wolf made a motion to reject the review; seconded by Seibert. All other present members voted in favor of the rejection.

Singh, 141 Third Street, Block 54, Lot 22, E-BD-216-3485

Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of a single-family home on the property

Seibert made a motion to accept the review; seconded by Pfister. All other present members voted in favor.

Stadler, 1122 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 25, Lot 18.01, E-BD-216-3486

Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for construction and renovations to the property and installation of new septic

Devaney made a motion to accept the review with the above comments; seconded by Pfister. All other present members voted in favor.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and accepted:

J&O Doors, LLC, 63 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 41, Lot 1, TA22-0022
Wholesale distributor of doors

Medloop, LLC, 63 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 41, Lot 1, TA22-0023
Medical billing

OEM Accessories Incorporated, 19 Industrial Avenue, Block 102, Lot 33, TA22-0034
Warehouse and distribution of consumer goods

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Letter from Weston Solutions
- Various emails, public notices and agendas

NEW BUSINESS

Spotted Lanternfly Handout

Seibert distributed a handout about Spotted Lanternflies, which are an invasive species that feed on and cause damage to native trees and crops.

Mahwah Day Polo Shirt Orders

The Commission would like to order new polo shirts for Mahwah Day.

Devaney made a motion to accept the purchase; seconded by Seibert. All other present members voted in favor. Members approved spending a total of less \$400

Sustainable Jersey Certification

Wolf said we have until the end of the month to get all of our information to Karin LaGreca. Wolf is trying to get a meeting with the business administrator to address some of Sustainable Jersey's other concerns.

Green Team

A representative from Ramapo College asked if we are interested in restructuring the Green Team and working with students. Members discussed.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. following a motion by Devaney; 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, August 24, 2022 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms
Secretary