

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 7:01 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
 Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison
 Mike Devaney
 Gary Montroy, Alternate II
 Jack Pfister (*remote*)
 Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Megan Charles
 Victoria Galow, Alternate I

The minutes of the meeting held on August 10, 2022 were approved following a motion by Seibert; seconded by Devaney. 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

Trex Recycling Initiative

Coda is still working on the plastic film recycling initiative. Due to the overwhelming success of the collection, we have already met our goal and plan to end the initiative at the end of September. Moving forward, members discussed options to pursue plastic film collections in town at the recycling center.

DPW Recycling Center

Montroy mentioned that he would like to model our new recycling center after the Glen Rock recycling center. Members discussed.

Mahwah Day

Members discussed possible topics for this year's Mahwah Day, including water quality, spotted lanternflies and bees in our ecosystem. Storms ordered the new polo shirts for Mahwah Day 2022. The order is expected to be delivered in the next three weeks. Wolf spoke to Carol Phiefer and we would like to do a 10 a.m. tree dedication ceremony for her on the morning of Mahwah Day.

Adams Court Subdivision Update

Montroy said he reviewed the plans for Adams Court, which show a swale that drains from the northern side of Adams and runs down Fairmount to Wyckoff Avenue. Members discussed.

Sustainable Jersey Update

Wolf said LaGreca has reported that we should have enough points for bronze certification this round.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Bank of America, 210 Route 17 South, Block 132, Lot 12, Docket #343A-2
Amended site plan for exterior renovations with a dumpster enclosure

Seibert made a motion to accept the review; seconded by Coda. Montroy abstained. All other present members voted in favor of the application.

HMH Carrier Clinic Signage Applications, 1071 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 23, Lot 45, Docket #1524-22
Installation of signage for the facility that is located on the property

Coda made a motion to accept the review; seconded by Seibert. Montroy abstained. All other present members voted in favor of the application.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Brian Severin, 30 Peterson Place, Block 139, Lot 24.01, E-BD-216-3482
Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for a driveway modification

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

Mr. & Mrs. Buonanno, 30 Great Hall Road, Block 23.03, Lot 9, E-BD-216-3484
Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of a single-family home, pool and patio on the property

Comments to Administrative Officer:

The number of trees being removed falls within guidelines but the Environmental Commission feels the tree removal is excessive. Please have the applicant submit the rationale for removing these trees as well as a replacement plan. Callery Pear trees are no longer recommended as a replacement variety.

Montroy made a motion to defer the review pending clarification from the homeowner; seconded by Devaney. Seibert said there appears to be no consideration for the trees and would reject the application for this reason.

After further discussion, all present members voted in favor of deferring this pending further information.

Cathy & Manny Lopes, 23 Hopper Court, Block 169, Lot 17, E-BD-216-304-731
Soil Movement Permit Application and Tree Preservation Application for the construction of a pool on the property

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

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant application was reviewed and accepted:

Lomupo Trucking Corp, 35 Whitney Road, Unit B, Block 173, Lot 148, TA22-0036
Trucking business

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Various emails, public notices and agendas
- Email from Administration requesting newsletter submissions for the Fall Issue
- Hackensack Tidelines

NEW BUSINESS

CFMP Requirement

Wolf said he would like to submit a request for proposals for 10 additional trees we need planted this year. He would also like to obtain quotes for an additional 25 trees in April/May 2023. He will prepare the paperwork.

U.S. Wind Power Installations

Seibert distributed a handout regarding the installation of wind turbines across the United State.

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. following a motion by Montroy; 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, September 14, 2022 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms
Secretary