

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021**

The remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Richard Wolf, Chair. The Opening Statement was made. Roll call was taken.

Present: Richard Wolf, Chair
 Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison
 Jack Pfister
 Carol Phiefer
 Richard Seibert, Co-Chair
 Mike Devaney, Alternate I (*joined call at 7:32 p.m.*)
 Sally Coda, Alternate II
 Jennifer Storms, Secretary

Absent: Megan Charles
 Frank Pallotta, Planning Board Liaison

The minutes of the meeting held on September 22, 2021 were approved following a motion by Pfister; seconded by Phiefer. All other present members voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Styrofoam Collection Drive – October 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coda asked if there was anything we need to do regarding the upcoming styrofoam collection drive. Members discussed hosting a styrofoam awareness event at the library. The collection drive is scheduled for October 30. Ariemma noted that early voting begins that week and the parking lot may be crowded.

Mahwah Day Update

Wolf gave an update on the day and said the reusable bags were a hit.

1000 Macarthur Blvd. – Site Plan

Coda attended the recent Planning Board meeting to hear the application for the proposed warehouse at 1000 Macarthur Boulevard. She said the proposal was approved. Coda asked what the Environmental Commission will need to do to follow up on the project. Wolf said our responsibility would be to assist Planning & Zoning in ensuring what was submitted in the plans is executed.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

None received as of October 12, 2021

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Soil Movement Permit Applications were reviewed:

Wolfson & Mirzoeff, 70 Peterson Place, Block 139, Lot 50.05, E-BD-216-3420

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a new single-family home on the property. The related Tree Preservation Application indicates 10 trees on the property; of which all are to be removed with no replacements indicated.

Comments to Administrative Officer:

Please have the applicant clarify if trees have already been removed. The applicant is also required to replace at least three trees if removing 10. Please also have the applicant explain why the 7 trees not close to the house (especially the 30" tree) must be removed. Can the drywell be moved to a different location?

This application review was rejected following a motion by Pfister; seconded by Phiefer. Devaney abstained. All other present members were in favor of the rejection.

Mahwah NL Cedars Developer, 20 Aronow Place, Block 126, Lot 126.05, E-BD-216-3417
The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for a new single-family home on the property. The related Tree Preservation Application indicates 60 trees on the property; of which 14 will be removed with 4 replacements.

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

The following application was deferred pending availability of online documents until the next meeting pending further information:

Inserra, 158 McIntosh Drive, Block 120.01, Lot 129, E-BD-216-3421

The Environmental Commission reviewed a Soil Movement Permit Application for an addition and new driveway on the property.

TENANT APPLICATIONS

The following tenant applications were reviewed and approved:

Farmacy Beauty, LLC, 1300 Macarthur Blvd., Block 139, Lot 3.01, TA21-0031

Cosmetics

Global Safety Initiatives, 1 Lethbridge Plaza, Suite 11, Block 63, Lot 6, TA21-0030

Education and Training

Rockland Mobile Notary, 1 Lethbridge Plaza, Suite 12, Block 63, Lot 6, TA21-0029

Mobile notary and loan signing agent

THG Properties, 405 Franklin Turnpike, Block 105, Lot 83, TA21-0028

Residential rentals

Ottomanson, Inc., 301 Island Road, Block 62, Lot 12, TA21-0027

Wholesaler – online seller

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a Freshwater General Permit #6 Application for Liberty Hyundai, 295 Route 17 North
- Copy of a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit Application for drainage improvements at the Mahwah Pool
- Various emails, public notices and agendas

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Budget Preparation

Storms will prepare a copy of the budget so we can discuss at an upcoming meeting.

Municipal Tree Ordinance Changes

Wolf met with the business administrator and discussed the status of the tree ordinance.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Wolf said the business administrator said the town will likely budget for one EV charging station in the upcoming year.

Municipal Tree Plantings

The business administrator said the town is planning to plant trees according to the plan that Ariemma prepared, specifically at Continental Soldier's Park, along MacArthur Boulevard and Winter's Park.

Artificial Floating Island

Devaney is taking over the reconstruction of the floating island at Winter's Park. He will reach out to Tom McKeon for some ideas.

River Cleanup

Wolf asked if members are interested in organizing a larger river cleanup next September.

Upcoming Initiatives

Wolf asked what members would like to focus on in the upcoming year. Members discussed.

Terms of Office

Storms will pull up the current roster to see whose terms expire at the end of the year.

There being no further questions or discussion, the remote meeting of the Environmental Commission was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. following a motion by Pfister; seconded by Devaney. Our next remote meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7 p.m.

J. Storms
Secretary