



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Approved Minutes

For the regular meeting of
Tuesday, June 19, 2018

* The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Nora Sirbaugh.

Statement of Compliance & Roll Call

Members present: Rex Parker, Jim Gambino, Bill Washburn, Mike Aucott, Vanessa Sandom,
Ray Nichols, and Nora Sirbaugh

Members absent: George Kerr, Tim Wilson

Also present: Mark Kataryniak – Twp Administrative Officer

Members of the Public present: Martin Eastgate, Harvey Lester

Minutes for Approval

The May 15, 2018 draft minutes were approved with no changes – Motion, Rex; 2nd Mike A;
Abstain – Ray, Vanessa

Action: Jim will forward these minutes to Mark for posting on the Township website.

Zoning Board Application Reviews

1. Case No 2018-05: **Radi & Debra Ialamov;**
68 Yard Road; Block 48, Lot 1.01; VRC District
Residential Addition – In-Law Suite
Use Variance

Note: we reviewed this application at our April 17, 2018 meeting and repeat our original recommendation below.

We have no environmental concerns for the proposed project, but recommend that any new trees planted should be species selected from the Township's preferred plant list.

2. Case No 2018-12: **Stephen Zarodnansky;**
2551 Pennington Road; Block 85, Lot 4; CI District
Second Commercial Principal Use on Site
Use Variance & Site Plan Waiver

We reviewed and discussed this application together with Mark Kataryniak.

We have no environmental concerns for the proposed project.

3. Case No 2018-13: **Michael & Susan Moonan;**
4 Rustic Drive; Block 43.02, Lot 14.03; R-150 District
Residential Addition – Detached Garage
Bulk Variance

We reviewed and discussed this application together with Mark Kataryniak.

We do not recommend approving this application since this property already exceeds the maximum allowable lot coverage area of 15%. Exceeding the lot coverage area has detrimental effects on our environment.

We recommend offsetting lot coverage area with reductions elsewhere on the property so there is no net gain of impervious surface area.

The proposed engineering solution (on-site detention basin) is unconvincing to mitigate the overage in lot coverage as presented.

4. Case No 2018-14: **F. Nicholas Pirone;**
1652 Reed Road; Block 85, Lot 2; R-100 District
Adding Residence at Existing Commercial Business
Use Variance w/ Preliminary & Final Site Plan

We reviewed and discussed this application together with Mark Kataryniak. Note: Jim Gambino recused himself from this discussion.

We recommend that any new trees planted should be species selected from the Township's preferred plant list.

All lighting must conform to the Township's lighting ordinance.

Action: Jim will prepare and send our comments via memo to Mark to post with these four applications on the Township website.

Subcommittee Reports / Discussions / Updates for on-going projects

A. Chestnut Tree Planting Project

Mike and Rex discussed their recent visits to our plantings at Hollystone Preserve and Woolsey Park. Despite above average rains since our May planting, only about 50% of the seeds planted at Hollystone have germinated. Also, three seeds at Woolsey Park have not germinated.

We discussed placing laminated, species identification signs on the individual tree fences at Woolsey Park and general project information in the park's kiosk.

Mike reported the seeds given to D&R Greenway have all sprouted. No report for seeds given to the Watershed Institute.

Actions:

Mike will add seedling replacements at the Woolsey Park site and keep all spots watered.

Rex will work on producing and erecting the signage items mentioned above.

We will revisit the Hollystone site this fall and plant new seeds at the failed locations.

B. Pennington Day – no discussion

C. Water Monitoring – Scotch Rd Well Review

Mike A. provided two hydrographs of the Scotch Rd. well data for us to look at. Members decided to review the well data semi-annually.

Action: We will review updated hydrographs at our December meeting.

D. Shade Tree Ordinance

Bill reviewed the old and proposed ordinances. We still need to clarify who the “project supervisor” is, since this person is mentioned numerous times in the ordinance.

Action: Nora will send our proposed ordinance to Mark for township review.

H. Leaf Compost

Nora prepared a press release to residents about leaf compost availability. We would like to post this article in the municipal building lobby.

Action: Vanessa will get Twp staff to help with posting.

New Business

Stream Corridor Permit Application

1. Christa Eastgate: 30 River Drive; Block 134, Lot 10.01

Proposed fence replacement in stream corridor buffer – residential lot

Members voted to approve granting a waiver to permit the Eastgate’s to construct the proposed fence on their lot within the stream corridor buffer – Motion, Ray; 2nd Bill; all in favor.

Action: Jim will prepare and send our approval memo to Mark.

Announcements / Correspondence

Nora will be away for our July 17 meeting.

Members agreed to cancel our August 21 meeting.

- * The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm: Motion – Ray, 2nd Rex; all in favor.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Gambino
Secretary