

WARREN TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2021
ZOOM Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Environmental Commission (EC) of Warren Township, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey convened in a Regular Meeting at the Warren Township Municipal Building, 46 Mountain Blvd., Warren, New Jersey on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Wayne DeFeo called the meeting to start at 7:17pm via a Zoom meeting Conference.

Pursuant to the requirement of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was given by posting a copy on the Township Bulletin Board and sending a copy to the Township Clerk, Echoes Sentinel and Courier News as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. All Commissioners are duly appointed volunteers working for the Township of Warren.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Wayne DeFeo, Susan Zeitels, Karen Task, Karen Kaiser, Christina Lewis,

Absent: Laura Mandell, Valerie Meyers, Peter Villani, Harold Black,

III. Discussion

Minutes

The May WEC minutes were approved. Karen Kaiser made a motion to approve the May minutes and Karen Task seconded it.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. CASE: PB 21-04
BLOCK/LOT Block 205 Lots 58,59,60,61 19 Majors Road and 1-5 Hillcrest Road
DATE: April 20, 2021
APPLICANT: Hillcrest Crossing, LLC
Engineer: Tung-To-Lam, Bohler Engineering
Attorney: Katherine A. Coffey
Proposal: Preliminary & Final Site Plan – variance for structure in setback

1. To buffer the sound to the housing units, WEC recommends requiring the following: 1) a six-to-eight-foot earthen berm or 2) A six-foot solid fence, and Evergreen trees in either case.
2. WEC is concerned with the loss of mature tree canopy. A). This will increase heat island effect and will result in greater water run-off.
3. The solid waste and recycling plan is insufficient for the proposed number of units. This will lead to dumping and overflow. Wayne DeFeo calculated out what is needed for this development, The total number of cubic yards required for weekly recycling service is 22.
4. WEC requests to see the Environmental Impact Study.
5. WEC recommends an electrical vehicle charging station be added to the plans (or at a minimum, the infrastructure be in place).
6. Due to the slopes and removal of vegetation, WEC recommends the developer use compost filter socks and not silt fencing. This will help with any soil erosion.
7. It is recommended that the developer use Green Building and LEED design standards as provided by the Environmental Commission. (See Attached)
8. Are the proposed lights dark sky certified? WEC requests minimalizing light pollution by using fully shielded lighting, using warm white or filtered LEDs instead of the bright white.

V. **Discussion**

Wayne DeFeo discussed with the group the potential re-launch of the Green Leadership Hub by Somerset County. Leanne McGowan of Ride Wise is working with Somerset County to:

- Provide assistance to municipalities in planning for EVs
- Promote the implementation of public charging stations
- Educate the public and the business community

In addition to the items above it was discussed for local town to adopt an ordinance share program. A model ordinance would be drafted that would apply to multiple towns.

Wayne DeFeo also discussed with the group a conference call he had with Township Engineer, Chris Kastrud regarding the WEC recommendations and the support of seeing those actions executed in the actual plans.

VI Adjournment – 8:52pm Karen Kaiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Susan Zeitels seconded it.

The next meeting will be held on July 14, 2021 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krisann Bintley

Environmental Commission
Secretary