

WARREN TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 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, September 8, 2021

Wayne DeFeo called the meeting to start at 7:11pm 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 Kaiser, Christina Lewis, Valerie Meyers
Absent: Laura Mandell, Karen Task, Peter Villani, Harold Black,

III. Discussion

Minutes

The June WEC minutes were approved with revisions. Valerie Meyers made a motion to approve the June minutes and Susan Zeitels seconded it.

Follow up Past Reviewed Plans –

Wayne DeFeo discussed with the group on following up on WEC recommendations and what actually gets implemented in the final plans. It was discussed that everyone's time is stretched and to possibly hire an unpaid intern to do the research.

Stormwater Management

The group discussed using stronger wording in our recommendations as it pertains to stormwater management.

Tree Discussion

WEC recommends for 2022 budget to include funds to remove and replace Ash and Ailanthus trees affected by the Ash Borer Beetle and the Spotted Lanternfly. New Trees should be planted to replace those removed. WEC and the Green Team will research resiliency grants to help with funding. It was also recommended that the permit fees collected for tree removal be put in a tree fund to plant new trees.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. CASE: PB 21-05
BLOCK/LOT Block 55 Lot 26 58 Dock Watch Hollow Road
DATE: June 9, 2021
APPLICANT: **Scotts Properties II, LLC**
Proposal: Minor Subdivision – Two lots
Engineer: Nancy Scott, L.S.
Attorney: Jay Bohn

1. WEC requests to know what remediation needs to be done and to date was that satisfied?
2. WEC requests to see the remediation reports.

2. CASE: BA 21-01
BLOCK/LOT Block 110 Lots 9.03 & 9.04 **69 Stirling Road**
DATE: July 6, 2021
APPLICANT: **HSC Warren LLC – Owner Zimbardo**
Proposal: Variance

1. WEC recommends all parking spaces be permeable pavement
2. To help with water run-off, WEC recommends swales around the curbing areas.
3. WEC recommends revising the tree planting list (See Attached) to utilize deer resistant native trees and plants. This will help to avoid additional traffic accidents.

3. CASE: PB 21-02
BLOCK/LOT Block 95Lots 2/QFARM and 25 QFARM 64 Old Stirling Road
DATE: September 2021
APPLICANT: **Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ**
OWNER: **NESS Realty Holdings, LLC**
Proposal: Major Subdivision (4 Lots)
Engineer: Cathy Mueller P.E.
Attorney: Ronald Shimanowitz

1. WEC requests conservation easements be required on all steep slopes and no tree removal on any steep slopes.
2. WEC recommends not allowing the proposed dwelling on proposed lot 2.02 due to the following:
a) steep slope b) excessive large tree removal and c) excessive water run-off which will not follow the stormwater management ordinance.
3. The additional water run-off will exacerbate the existing safety issue with icing in the winter on that portion of the road.

V Adjournment – 8:52pm Karen Kaiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Christina Lewis seconded it.

The next meeting will be held on October 13, 2021 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krisann Bintley

Environmental Commission Secretary