

**WARREN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
46 MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD**

WARREN, N J 07059

Approved

Minutes of **February 18, 2014** meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM

Present Commissioners: L. Mandell (Presiding Officer), K. Task, A. Winter, S. Ponzio, D. Gabel

Absent Commissioners: J. Henschel, P. Villani, H. Black, P. Lobo, Liaison M. Marion

The minutes of October 2, 2013 were approved.

Flag salute

STATEMENT by Presiding Officer: 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. We plan to adjourn by 10 PM.

**Next meeting will be March 5, 2014 at the
Municipal building at 8:00 PM**

If you are not able to attend the meeting, please call the Secretary at 908-369-0682 as soon as possible.

Correspondence:

I. From: State of NJDEP

To: WEC

- A copy of the Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and the Freshwater Wetlands General Permit No. 13 for the following applicant was submitted.
- **Applicant:** Ron Bechtle, M&H Properties, LLC
- **Loc:** 15 Red Hill Road, Block 50, Lot 3.05

II. Minutes from other boards or commissions:

Township of Long Hill Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 21, 2013 and January 13, 2014 and Long Hill Township Environmental Commission Organizational Meeting Minutes dated January 13, 2014.

III. Other Correspondence:

The WEC received correspondence from the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation outlining the Community Forestry Program's list of Recommended Courses for CEU Credits in 2014 and requesting an Annual Accomplishment Report for 2013.

The Commissioners received an invoice and voucher certification form for 2014 membership dues which Katrina De la Cruz will complete and submit for payment and approval. The 2014 ANJEC workshops and road show information was also received.

Discussion:

The WEC discussed the ERI and received information from Phil Lobo that various sections were being worked on. Several meetings had been cancelled due to inclement weather. Laura Mandell submitted the climate and air sections. Allison Winter will be in touch with Phil Lobo to offer assistance to bring the project to completion.

They also discussed the Green Team with Laura Mandell and how the Township Committee is set up to work on sustainable NJ. If there is no other work for the Green Team, there will be some changes. The WEC is set up by state statute so perhaps they will do some of the work of the Green Team or there will be a merger.

Old Business:

None at this meeting.

New Business:

None at this meeting .

Maps:

Case #PB-14-01

**Urban Renewal, LLC
Block 76, Lot 1.06
29 Dubois Rd
Site Plan/Preliminary/Final
TCC
Meeting date: January 29, 2014
Due date: January 27, 2014**

The Warren Environmental Commission discussed this at their February 18, 2014 meeting. The Commissioners requested the maps as there were no attachments. They had not received it previously.

Case #PB-14-02

**Wolf Owens/Stirling Pond LLC
Block 85, Lot 15.03
123 Old Stirling Road
Minor Subdivision/Public
Meeting date: TBD
Due date: February 28, 2014**

The Warren Environmental Commission discussed this at their February 18, 2014 meeting. They stated that there are wetlands and steep elevation. The steep slope is of concern due to erosion and the impact of the flow of underground and surface water. They asked if the houses were of historical significance, and if so, were they preserved. The proposed storm easement is huge; they propose a natural vegetative rain garden as opposed to a concrete structure. There should be an area for emergency spillway. The runoff should be minimized so the water does not go on property and contaminate natural wildlife.

The Commissioners appreciate the list and planting schedule. The builders should use the native planting list. There should be as little disturbance of land and vegetation as possible on top of

soil and around pond. They would like to confirm that the trees are native trees. They also asked if the engineer is the builder's engineer or the township engineer.

They would like information on where water drains (fish sticker or part of metal should be included); do not dump. The impervious surface should be reduced, should be porous pavement as opposed to asphalt, avoid products with chemicals such as cyanide and formaldehyde. The Commissioners also wanted to be sure that they were following rules for flag lots, was there a private or shared driveway?

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27PM

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina De la Cruz, Secretary

"Conservation is Harmony between man & land"