

**WARREN TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

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 Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

Flag salute

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: Laura Mandell, Harold Black, Karen Task, Sal Di Bianca

Absent: Mally Becker, David Gabel, Sandra Ponzio

III. Discussion

Laura reminded everyone that “Seed The Untold Story was going to be shown on Thursday October 19th at Watchung Hills Regional High School. Laura then thanked everyone for their help and participation for helping Warren Township achieve Silver Certification in Sustainable New Jersey. Warren’s active WEC and site plan review process helped Warren achieve the 350 points needed to achieve silver status.

A motion was made by Laura Mandell to approve the minutes for September and it was seconded by Sal Di Bianca. Sal Di Bianca gave an update on the 32 Blazier Road project letting the group know that it was still pending. Sal summarized that the proposal was for the actual approval of the lot itself and not the building and construction upon it. There should be an update by the WEC November meeting on that project.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

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| 1. CASE: | PB 16-01- |
| BLOCK/LOT | Block 96 Lot 20 Old Church Road |
| DATE: | September 20, 2017 |
| APPLICANT: | Old Church Road Associates |
| ATTORNEY: | Guliet Hirsch |
| ENGINEER: | Kevin Page/Page-Mueller Engineering |
| APPLICATION: | Amended Preliminary Major Sub Division – 10 lots |

COMMENTS BY WARREN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

The WEC did not have a copy of the environmental assessment report when reviewing the plan and would like to see that. The following comments were made regarding the plans.

1. Due to the large scope of this project the WEC is concerned with the Environmental impact of water and air and the natural loss of native animal habitat.

2. Lot 20-01 has major water flow running through the property including the building envelope. The WEC is concerned with the steep slopes and would like the Township Engineer to ensure that the plans for this project are in compliance with the township codes.
3. There is significant artificial drainage infrastructure proposed. We recommend a more natural approach to storm water management using green infrastructure and managing the water run-off with the confines of this property.
4. WEC was not supplied with a tree planting list and recommends using native plants and trees to every extent possible. The following trees are recommended: Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Sweet Gum Tree, American Sycamore, Red and White Oak, Red Bud, Evergreen, American Holly, Dogwood and Sassafras.
5. The current tree replacement plan as listed (item 58,59) is a concern. The WEC recommends trees placed in between lots to re-create wooded areas that are destroyed. We recommend minimizing the destroying of trees. It appears the developed may be skirting some regulations asking for credits for leaving trees.

- V. Adjournment – 8:07 Karen Task made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Harold Black seconded it.

The next meeting will take place on November 21st at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krisann Bintley, Secretary
Environmental Commission