

**WARREN TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 19 – 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, September 19, 2017.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

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, Mally Becker, Phil Lobo, Sandra Ponzio

Absent: Sal DiBianca, David Gabel

III. Discussion

A motion was made by Laura Mandell to approve the minutes for July and August and it was seconded by Harold Black. Laura passed around copies of the Sustainable Land Use Pledge to the group. Laura attended the September 11, 2017 Planning Board meeting and brought everyone up to date on the 38 Blazier Road plans (PB 17-01) stating that there were people in opposition and in agreement of the development of the lot. Laura spoke at the meeting on behalf of the WEC and gave the comments and recommendations of the WEC. Water runoff was the main topic of conversation regarding the 38 Blazier Road plans and no final decision has yet been made by the Planning Board.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

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| 1. CASE: | PB 17-07- Residential Minor Subdivision |
| BLOCK/LOT | Block 60 Lot 44.01 7 Brookside Drive |
| DATE: | September 13, 2017 |
| APPLICANT: | Anthony Paolla |
| ATTORNEY: | Joe Sordillo |
| ENGINEER: | Fisk Associates |
| APPLICATION: | Minor Subdivision – Subdivide 2 lots to create an additional building lot. |

COMMENTS BY WARREN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

1. Item 22; the WEC recommends the township engineer Chris Kastrud review if the drainage calculations are applicable and ensure that those calculations have a serious review.
2. Item 29; the WEC recommends the waiver on slopes be denied.
3. Item 39; the WEC strongly recommends the tree waiver be denied.
4. Item 40; the WEC strongly recommends that the request to not provide the Environmental Assessment Report be denied.
5. The WEC questions the safety of the metal bridge with heavy construction vehicles traveling on it on a regular basis.

6. There is a concern regarding the heavy water runoff of water into the East Branch Middle Brook. With further construction, the runoff would increase and the brook would not be able to handle additional flow; which could ultimately effect the plant and habitat in the brook.
7. The WEC noted that the entrance and exit is similar to a Flag Lot which could lead to safety issues. These issues have led Warren Township to prohibit such lots
8. The WEC recommends a tree replacement plan with compatible native tree and vegetation.
9. It is recommended that the water runoff is maintained through natural infrastructure and be managed within the property.
10. The WEC recommends a soil erosion and sediment control plan be submitted to minimize water contamination and would like to see a buffering are plan for the wetlands areas and brooks.

V. Green Team Update

The movie “Seed The Untold Story” will be shown to the public on October 19th at 7PM at WHRHS, South Auditorium.

- VI. **Adjournment** – 7:50PM Mally Becker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sandra Ponzio seconded it.

The next meeting will take place on October 17th at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krisann Bintley, Secretary
Environmental Commission