

**WARREN TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 19, 2018 – 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, June 19, 2018.

Laura Mandell called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

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, Phil Lobo, Susan Zeitels

Absent: Karen Task, Sal Di Bianca, Mally Becker, Sandra Ponzio

III. Discussion

Laura Mandell reviewed the correspondence with the committee. Alaimo Group, consulting engineers for the replacement of Somerset County bridge at Brookside Drive in Warren notified the WEC that they were submitting an application for permit approvals from the NJ DEP. Laura Mandell suggested a letter responding back to the engineering firm be written. The WEC would like to be informed of any disturbances to the natural area including the riparian zone, vegetation and wildlife. WEC requests that any disturbance to the area be as minimal as possible.

Laura Mandell read Mick Marion's email to the group stressing Warren's downtown beautification efforts. Mick asked the group to carefully review traffic impact, landscaping, lighting and drainage as we review each plan.

The May meeting notes were reviewed. Harold Black made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Phil Lobo.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

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| 1. CASE: | PB18-05 |
| BLOCK/LOT | BL 90 Lot 16 |
| DATE: | May 14 2018 |
| APPLICANT: | NAZ Realty |
| ENGINEER: | William G. Hollows |
| ATTORNEY: | Jay B. Bohn |
| Proposal: | Minor Site Plan |

COMMENTS BY WARREN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

1. WEC strongly recommends pervious pavement in new parking lot rather than macadam, to allow for water to drain into the ground rather causing run off.
2. The WEC recommends breaking up the parking area using green infrastructure. Please see page 15 of the Green Infrastructure pamphlet (attached). WEC also recommends storm water planters.
3. WEC questions the calculations on the additional parking area square footage. The WEC would like this confirmed.
4. The WEC recommends using blue spruce instead of Leland Cyprus. The WEC recommends six (6) blue spruce and recommend tightening the planting area for those trees.

5. The WEC recommends the patio area use pervious pavers vs. concrete.
6. On the Mountain Boulevard side of the plans the WEC recommends adding trees. The recommended trees are Redbud and Dogwood.
7. WEC recommends that flowers be added to the patio area and flower boxes be added to the front of the building to increase the curb appeal. It is also recommended that flowers be planted around the signage to further increase curb appeal.
8. The WEC recommends all lighting be LED.
9. To reduce potential traffic issues and increase availability of customer parking, WEC recommends that the company consider staggered shifts for employees and or ride share options for the employees.
10. WEC recommends construction debris be recycled and new construction materials be re-purposed to every extent possible.
11. It is recommended that low flow plumbing fixtures be utilized to save and conserve water.

V. Adjournment – 8:15 Harold Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Phil Lobo seconded it.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2018 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krisann Bintley, Secretary
Environmental Commission