

**Regular Meeting of the Montvale Environmental Commission
12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, NJ
Council Chambers at 7:45 pm**

March 18, 2013

Chairman Vogt called the meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:45 pm. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Record and the Ridgewood News, informing the Public of the time and place, according to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L.1975).

The roll call attendance was: W. Vogt (Chairman, P), P. Cohen (Vice-Chairman, A), W. Antczak (Alternate #2, A), D. Eichhorn (P), R. Hanrahan (P), E. Hugel (Alternate #1, A), R. Hutchison (P), R. Preston (P), L. Skoglund (P), J. Russo (Secretary, P).

Approval of the Minutes for the November 19, 2012 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2012 meeting was made by R. Hutchison and seconded by L. Skoglund. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Communication/Correspondence

The ANJEC newsletter was distributed to the members. Oath of Office documents were also distributed, signed and returned to J. Russo.

Natural Resource Inventory Committee Report None

Environmental Review Committee Report None

Tree and Wetlands Ordinance Committee Report None

Environmental Commission Issues List No updates

Applicant

Vinari Enterprises, LLC; 15 West Grand Avenue (Block 1601/Lot 24)

Richard A. Burns, P.E. from Azzolina & Feury Engineering, Inc., represented the applicant. There will be street-scaping and the addition of pavers and two decorative streetlights. Four *Ginkgo bilobas* will be planted to satisfy the Borough's Shade Tree Ordinance. The parking lot will be screened. Additional landscaping will be introduced to improve screening of the loading area.

There is a decrease in impervious coverage, due to changes in the parking lot. There will be thirty-seven parking spaces. The landscape plans require minor corrections. Three *Leyland Cypress*es had been omitted from the plant list. New plans need not be resubmitted. Chairman Vogt asked for a motion to approve the plans. L. Skoglund made a motion that was seconded by R. Hanrahan. Chairman Vogt asked for a roll call vote for approval of the landscape plans. All members voted in favor of the plans. An approval letter will be emailed to R. Burns.

Meeting Opened to the Public

A motion to open the meeting to the Public was made by L. Skoglund and seconded by R. Preston. No one from the Public wished to be heard. A motion to close the meeting to the Public was made by L. Skoglund and seconded by D. Eichhorn.

Planning Board Liaison Report

- Several use permits were approved.
- Several generator applications for commercial buildings were approved.
- **Lifetime Fitness (1 BMW Plaza):** The request for the rental of space for a temporary sales office was approved.
- **Amazing Grace (8 East Grand Avenue):** The amended site plan was approved.
- **Vinari Enterprises, LLC (15 West Grand Avenue):** An amended site plan and resolution will be voted on at the next meeting.

Inspections None

New Business The Environmental Commission received a request for volunteers to help the Park Ridge Green Team, Bergen County Clean Community and the Hackensack River Keepers with their annual cleanup. The date for this event is April 20 and starts at 9:30am. Residents are also invited and can contact Councilwoman LaMonica for additional information. Chairman Vogt said additional information is needed regarding where to obtain supplies and how to dispose of the trash. Chairman Vogt said he would ask Vice-Chairman Cohen to contact the Park Ridge Green Team.

Old Business None

Adjournment

Chairman Vogt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by D. Eichhorn and seconded by R. Preston. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15. All members are reminded to check their emails or the website for updates regarding cancellations.