

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

April 21, 2014

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, P), W. Antczak (Alternate #1, A), D. Eichhorn (A), R. Hanrahan (P), E. Hugel (P), R. Preston (P), L. Skoglund (A), J. Russo (Secretary, P).

Approval of the Minutes for the March 17, 2014 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 17th meeting was made by P. Cohen and seconded by R. Preston. The minutes were approved.

Communication/Correspondence None

Natural Resource Inventory Committee Report

R. Hanrahan said there is a Boy Scout who is considering compiling a natural resource inventory list for his Eagle Scout project.

Environmental Review Committee Report None

Tree and Wetlands Ordinance Committee Report

R. Hanrahan said the pending ordinance was considered at a recent meeting of the Mayor and Council. The Borough planner, Borough engineer and the Planning Board wanted the ordinance to cover residential and commercial properties, as well as all major and minor tree removal. The ordinance continues to be reviewed.

Environmental Commission Issues List None

Applicants

The Shoppes at DePiero Farms: 300 West Grand Avenue (Block 2802/Lots 2 & 3)

A. Del Vecchio, Legal Counselor, represented the applicant. The landscaping plans (revision date 3/26/14) contain correct counts, symbols and an accurate plant list. The green roof on the top of Building F will be under the Planning Board's jurisdiction.

There was a discussion regarding the retaining wall and its visibility from the road. The wall is constructed of man-made material and meant to blend into the environment. The wall is visible in some locations and in other locations the landscaping will obscure the view.

Chairman Vogt was satisfied with the plans and asked for a motion to approve. E. Hugel made a motion and P. Cohen seconded it. R. Hanrahan abstained. The plans were approved by roll call vote. An approval letter will be emailed to the appropriate individuals.

Ali Enterprises, LLC: North Kinderkamack Road & Magnolia Avenue (Block 702/Lots 1 & 39)

G. Spadaro, landscape architect, and J. Henry, engineer, represented the applicant.

The landscape plans (revision date 02/17/14) were considered. The amount of land to be landscaped is limited. There are five relatively small areas to be sodded. All other areas are to be planted with shrubs and perennials, and mulched with double shredded hardwood mulch. In addition, there will be four shade trees planted along Kinderkamack Road. An irrigation system will be installed in all landscaped areas.

Chairman Vogt asked for a motion to approve the landscaping plans. R. Hanrahan made the motion and R. Preston seconded it. The plans were approved by roll call vote. An approval letter will be emailed to the appropriate individuals.

Meeting Opened to the Public

A motion to open the meeting to the Public was made by P. Cohen and seconded by R. Preston.

Meeting Closed to the Public

A motion to close the meeting to the Public was made by R. Preston and seconded by P. Cohen.

New Business

Chairman Vogt said he had been contacted by a Boy Scout who was interested in preparing signage for the plaques at the Borough's Environmental Learning Center. In preparation for this project, Chairman Vogt asked the Pascack Valley DPW Superintendent to clear the paths of fallen branches and to remove any trash.

Planning Board Liaison Report

- **The Shoppes at DePiero Farms** continues to be an on-going application.
- **Ali Enterprise** Their plan for the Shell Station were presented and approved.
- **7 June Lane and 11 Myrtle Avenue** The applicants for these residential properties had their variances approved.
- **Rockland Built Homes** are seeking approval to build two homes on Locust Avenue/Pennsylvania Avenue.
- **Corner of Upper Saddle River Road and Spring Valley Road** The applicant for this residence received approval for a major soil-moving permit.

Inspections

- **Davey's Locker/Excel** Landscaping was found to be not in compliance.
- **15 Grand Avenue** There was (unapproved) revised landscaping with the addition of shrubs and the applicant was found to be not in compliance.
- **5 Quail Ridge Road** Landscaping was in compliance. An approval letter was sent to the appropriate individuals, authorizing the release of escrow monies.

Old Business

The Alternate #2 position remains vacant. Chairman Vogt notified Mayor Fyfe of the vacancy. The Mayor's appointee will fill the position.

Adjournment

Chairman Vogt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by E. Hugel and seconded by P. Cohen. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19. Members will be emailed in the event the meeting is cancelled. Members are reminded to notify Chairman Vogt and the Secretary if they are unable to attend.