

WARREN TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2023  
ZOOM Meeting

**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 Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Wayne DeFeo called the meeting to start at 7:04pm via Zoom meeting Conference.

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: Wayne DeFeo, Laura Mandell, Karen Task, Karen Kaiser, Jerry Toth, Valerie Meyers, Shaun Fine  
Absent: Susan Zeitels

**III. Discussion** The November minutes were reviewed. Kareen Kaiser made a motion to approve and Jerry Toth seconded it. All WEC members were in agreement. . The December minutes were also reviewed. Jerry Toth made a motion to approve and Valerie Meyers seconded it. All WEC members were in agreement.

Wayne DeFeo gave an update on the trail initiative for 2023. Wayne is waiting for the county to provide a date for when the county landscape architect can walk the Hofheimer Trail. Wayne would like to have a plan in place by the end of Spring 2023.

Currently, the Green Team is not currently active and new members are needed. The group suggested posting on the township website to advertise for new members needed. Krisann Bintley will discuss with Mark Krane and Amanda Frech on coordinating that on the website.

**IV: NEW BUSINESS**

1. CASE:	PB23-01
BLOCK/LOT	Block 62.03 Lot 18.02 40 Brookside Drive
DATE:	January 10, 2023
APPLICANT:	<b>Silver Leaf Court LLC</b>
Proposal:	Major Subdivision (1 lot into 5)
Engineer:	Catherine A. Mueller, P.E.
Attorney:	Richard H. Kaplan

1. WEC recommends deferring all action on this plan until it receives DEP approval.
2. WEC recommends there is no conditional approval granted due to the excessive clear cutting of mature trees on this property.
3. WEC opposes any filling of wetlands.
4. Due to the steep slopes on the property, WEC is concerned this will cause excessive water run-off. This could exacerbate flooding in an existing high flood area.
5. The proposed storm water management plan seems inconsistent with current guidelines especially with the larger storms this area has been experiencing. What are the maintenance requirements for the homeowner on the proposed storm water management plan with the basins.

#### **V: DISCUSSION**

The township tree replacement plan was discussed again. All WEC members feel the township must enforce the tree replacement plan on each proposed plan to the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. Wayne DeFeo asked if the property on Mount Horeb was fined for clear cutting the property. Although there were very small evergreen trees planted, a huge number of mature trees were taken down.

Shaun Fine let the group know that opening day for Warren Township Baseball and Softball Leagues would be on Earth Day, April 22, 2023. He suggested to the group it was an opportunity with over 300 residents attending opening day activities for WEC to have environmental educational materials available. Additional recycling bins should be placed in the area as well as additional anti-idling signs. Wayne DeFeo will discuss further with Mark Krane.

**VI: Adjournment – 8:30PM** Karen Task made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry Toth seconded it.

The next meeting will be held on March 8, 2023 at 7pm via ZOOM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krisann Bintley, Secretary  
Environmental Commission