

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

**September 20, 2010**

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), D. Eichhorn (P), R. Hanrahan (P), E. Hugel (Alternate #2, P), R. Hutchison (A), R. Pensky (P), R. Preston (Alternate #1, P), L. Skoglund (P), J. Russo (Secretary, P).

**Approval of the Minutes for the August 16, 2010 Meeting**

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

**Communication/Correspondence**

The ANJEC Report was distributed to the members.

**Natural Resource Inventory Committee**

R. Hanrahan discussed the possibility of applying for a grant, which may be used to finance the legal fees necessary to finalize the tree ordinance or to cover the cost for completing the natural resource inventory list. The grants are matching and may be matched in the form of in-kind services, such as time contributed by municipal volunteers. Unfortunately, despite all the hard work R. Hanrahan has put into the tree ordinance, it has not progressed to the next step due to insufficient funds and interest from the Mayor and Council.

**Environmental Review Committee Report** None

**Applicant**

**The Fresh Market (Block 3101/Lots 1, 2 & 3)**

Robert Kelly, from Dynamic Engineering, represented the applicant. The project consists of site improvement to the existing parking lot. Currently the parking lot lacks any landscaping. Since it is an existing parking lot, the percentage of shade trees necessary for a lot of this size is not being enforced. R. Preston was concerned about the water management system. The landscaper will be responsible to provide the necessary watering for a certain period of time.

P. Cohen questioned item #18, under "Plant Notes." The standard wording required by the Environmental Commission had not been used. However, Chairman Vogt said that the wording was adequate based upon the amount of landscaping that is being installed.

Cypress trees behind the building are being planted closer than normal. This was questioned by E. Hugel. Chairman Vogt agreed that the trees are being planted closer than normal. However, in this location, if some of the branches die off in the distant future, it will be acceptable.

The landscaping plans had previously been reviewed by the Chairman and the format was modified to reflect a professional set of plans.

Chairman Vogt asked for a motion to approve the plans. R. Pensky made the motion, which was seconded by L. Skoglund. The Secretary asked for a roll call vote and all votes were ayes. Chairman Vogt will send an approval letter from the Environmental Commission.

### **Meeting Opened to the Public**

A motion to open the meeting to the Public was made by P. Cohen 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 E. Hugel and seconded by L. Skoglund.

**Tree and Wetlands Ordinance Committee** None

### **Planning Board Liaison Report**

- Several use permits were issued.
- **3 Counties LLC (Porterhouse Restaurant) Block 703/Lots 5 &6:** amended site plan will be reviewed at the October 19, 2010 meeting.
- **15 Hering Road (Block 506/Lot 13):** approved site plan for a single family home.
- **Rickitt Benckiser Inc., Phillips Parkway (Block 3201/Lot 1):** resolution was approved.
- **Del Ben at Montvale/K. Hovnanian (Block 302/Lot 1 and Block 1002/ Lot 7):** This application is a continued hearing and is scheduled to be heard again on October 5, 2010.

### **Inspections**

#### **305 West Grand Avenue**

An inspection was completed by L. Skoglund, R. Preston, E. Hugel and Chairman Vogt. Chairman Vogt will send an approval letter from the Environmental Commission.

**Old Business** None

### **New Business**

Council Liaison T. Cudequest gave a Board of Health report concerning a rodent and geese problems along the stream behind the DPW Garage and Huff Park. She was seeking advice from R. Hanrahan regarding what is permitted in the wetlands areas. There are certain requests that would need to be forwarded to the NJ DEP.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Vogt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by P. Cohen and seconded by L. Skoglund.