



# Township of Howell

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**Environmental Commission**  
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## **Environmental Commission Meeting of 4/12/2023 Minutes:**

Meeting called to order at 7:14PM

Members Present: Barron, G. Bayne, DiBenedetto, Doud, Poland

Members Absent: Alfano, H. Bayne, Huszar

Read opening statement

March 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes approval

### **Guest**

Jared Pape (Heilbrunn Pape) and Michael Weseloski (Midatlantic Engineering) present #BA22-11, located at 23 Brook Road, Block 4, Lot 10.02. 2.1-acre lot. Seeking use variance relief for a proposed commercial redevelopment. A Zoning Board hearing is scheduled for June. The lot currently has a single family home with an existing additional garage building. The building (6,200 sq. ft) is newer and will stay as part of the redevelopment. Two contractor tenants are planned. New well, new septic system, and two infiltration basins are proposed. No known contamination has been identified. An above ground storage tank exists for heating oil. No endangered species are present. Wetlands are adjacent to the southern property boundary.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Shade Tree Commission**

April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Earth Day event planned for 9am at Echo Lake Park. Shade Tree Commission will be having a tree seedling giveaway. Several workshops are planned: tree care, pollinator gardens, and composting.

A tree planting event is planned for Middle School South on May 5<sup>th</sup> to plant 30 fruit trees and giveaway 800 tree seedlings.

April 28<sup>th</sup>: Arbor Day program at Howell Schools. A seedling giveaway will be held for students.

April 29<sup>th</sup>: Easy Street maintenance day. More plants to be planted for the pollinator garden and spreading mulch.

May 13<sup>th</sup>: Winston Park maintenance day.

#### **Green Team**

Applied for two PSE&G grants through Sustainable Jersey. A speaker from Sustainable Jersey will be presenting grant opportunities related to electric vehicles at the next meeting.

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## **Old Business**

### **Winston Park**

The Township had the deer fencing raised. The County will be performing additional planting in the area.

Rain gardens are planned for Soldier Memorial Field and Monmouth Ridings. Rutgers has worked on the rain garden design.

## **New Business**

Xerces Society grant for pollinator plugs. An open space near Deerwood Park has been identified for planting.

NJ American Water grant: applied for a well at Easy Street.

ANJEC grant: applied for four wildlife cameras at open space areas.

Adjourned for Plat Review at 8:10 PM

Back on Record at 8:56 PM

Read Various Reviews/Comments into Record

Adjourned 9:00 PM