

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION &
INLAND WETLAND AGENCY MINUTES
September 28, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moeling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Cherichetti took the roll call.

PRESENT: John Moeling, Chair; Steve Klocke, Vic-Chair; Ed Holowinko; John Levin; Matt Pentz; and Jenn Balliett. Alexis Cherichetti and Amelia Williams, staff.

Mr. Moeling announced Ms. Marin had submitted her resignation due to evening schedule conflicts. He thanked her for her time on the Commission.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

IV. RECEIPT & DISCUSSION

There were none.

V. DISCUSSION &/OR DECISION

- a) **#S21-577 – 63 Cranbury Road – Lombardi** – Corrective Action construction of retaining walls, garden and deck with storage underneath in and adjacent to wetlands and a watercourse

Ms. Cherichetti noted the property owners were present again. Discussion regarding the various activities began.

Mr. Klocke stated he had wanted to discuss three points. First, he stated he had no issue with the deck that was being constructed because it clearly will have minimal to no impact on the wetlands. Second, he felt the concrete walls have surely had an impact on the wetlands and the stream and the impact would continue if they remain. Lastly, he stated he wanted to see a landscaping plan that would show how the wetland areas and watercourse banks would be re-vegetated.

Mr. Lombardi noted that he was just trying to keep the deer out of the garden. It was noted the walls were not necessary. There was discussion between the Agency members and the property owners about the elements that have been installed and their impact on the wetlands and watercourse.

Mr. Moeling encouraged the property owners to meet with Ms. Cherichetti later in the week. He added all would work together to protect the wetland and also have garden.

- b) **#S21-580 – 8 Leslie Lane – Kurche** – Corrective Action permit for replanting of wetland

Ms. Cherichetti noted there was a draft resolution in the staff report she had send earlier.

*** **MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION IN MS. CHERICHETTI'S REPORT.**

*** **MR. LEVIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

*** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*** **MR. KLOCKE MOTIONED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO SKIP TO THE ITEMS LISTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

***** MR. PENTZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. BOND RELEASE/REDUCTION REQUESTS

- a) **#S19-538 – 14 Purdy Road – Arendartchuk** – Release of bond (\$2,183.00) held for Corrective Action fill removal, carport removal and landscaping

Ms. Cherichetti began to describe the site.

Mr. Levin asked if a written request and compliance statement were submitted.

***** MR. KLOCKE MADE A MOTION TO DENY THE BOND RELEASE UNTIL THE PLANTED BUFFER WAS CONFIRMED AND A WRITTEN REQUEST OBTAINED.**

***** MR. LEVIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IX. MEETING MINUTES

- a) **August 10, 2021 meeting minutes**

***** MR. KLOCKE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES.**

***** MR. LEVIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b) **August 24, 2021 meeting minutes**

Action was tabled.

***** MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO ENTER A RECESS UNTIL THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:00PM.**

***** MR. LEVIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

At 7:00PM, the Chair proceeded to the public hearing.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) **#S21-576 – 70 Witch Lane – Horvath** – Corrective Action fill removal and landscaping in and adjacent to wetlands and a watercourse

Mr. Moeling called the public hearing open.

Ms. Cherichetti noted the public hearing had been continued from the previous meeting.

Attorney Elizabeth Suchy, representing the applicant and property owner, introduced herself and the applicant's team – including the property owner Jennifer Horvath, and landscape architect Kate Throckmorton.

Ms. Suchy gave an overview of the revised plan and the discussions her client had with the neighbors.

Ms. Throckmorton displayed the revised landscape plan and described all of the previously completed and the proposed activities in detail. She described the work within the upland review areas, adding detail about the height of the various retaining walls and an estimate for the amount of fill (about 140 cy) in the

upland review area. She described the proposed fill removal from the wetland and the proposed planting plan. She described existing drainage patterns.

Ms. Throckmorton displayed photographs of the site, taken both before any work had started and after the work had begun.

There was additional discussion regarding the two tulip trees and their hazards.

Mr. Klocke asked if the arborist letter was ever submitted.

Ms. Cherichetti noted a letter had been submitted, but it was not from a certified arborist.

The public was invited to speak.

Page Robinson, 74 Witch Lane, stated he had met with the applicant and now had a better understanding of the proposal. His only issue was the trees proposed between their properties might redirect stormwater.

Ms. Throckmorton reviewed the purposes of the shrubs and plantings.

Mr. Moeling asked about the existing grade of the wetland on the far side of the watercourse relative to the disturbed wetland area. Ms. Throckmorton agreed the wetland on the far side of the stream is slightly lower than the lawn. She stressed they are trying to restore previous conditions.

*** **MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

*** **MR. LEVIN SECONDED THE MOTION**

*** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. DISCUSSION &/OR DECISION II

- a) **#S21-576 – 70 Witch Lane – Horvath** – Corrective Action fill removal and landscaping in and adjacent to wetlands and a watercourse

Mr. Moeling admitted he's seek to remove the two massive tulip trees if he lived at this address. He noted the positives of the trees were outweighed by the risks. He thought the replacement trees were a good choice.

Mr. Levin agreed with Mr. Moeling about the trees.

Mr. Moeling asked for any other Commission comments; there were none.

VI. COMMENTS OF STAFF

- a) Report of the Senior Environmental Officer

There were none.

VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- a) Report of the Commission Chair

There were none

VII. ADJOURNMENT

*** **MR. KLOCKE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

*** **MR. MOELING SECONDED THE MOTION.**

*** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.