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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Web-Based Meeting Hosted on ZOOM
Wednesday, April 14, 2021

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Bernard Gallo opened the web-based meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mary Cronin, Geoff Herald, and Mark Massoud. Staff present were Environmental Compliance Officer Richard Janey and Secretary Mary Larkin. Absent were: Matt Rose and Alternate Alex Wolk.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: March 24, 2021

There being no additions or corrections, a motion to accept the Minutes of March 24, 2021 was made by Geoff Herald; seconded by Mark Massoud. Motion passed with AYES from Mary Cronin, Geoff Herald, Mark Massoud, and Bernard Gallo.

OLD BUSINESS:

#1129 Encompass Health, Chipman Mazzucco Emerson LLC, Agent, Reserve Road & Corporate Center Drive (B15005) for In-patient, Physical Medical Facility

Ward Mazzucco, Esq. offered comments in response to the Project Impact Report submitted by staff and Mr. Massoud's suggestions. Those comments were explained by Erik Lindquist of Tighe & Bond, and said that as engineers there are some they cannot agree to.

The itemized comments were documented by Mr. Mazzucco as they were explained by Erik Lindquist and Matthew Popp, Landscape Architect. At the conclusion of their explanation, Mr. Gallo asked Mr. Massoud if he agreed with the changes. Proposed additions Nos. 1- 8 were briefly discussed and agreed to, and changes were noted. Mr. Massoud asked that Environmental Compliance Officer Richard Janey approve the site work and that all clearing limits be approved in the field and that the applicant schedule a pre-construction meeting with EIC staff. Mr. Janey and Mark Massoud agreed to the changes in Item 8. These will be included with EIC Permit.

Attorney Mazzucco offered to email the document with changes to the undersigned Recording Secretary.

Motion to approve Application No. 1129 with additional conditions as changed was made by Mark Massoud; seconded by Geoff Herald. Motion passed with AYES from Mary Cronin, Geoff Herald, Mark Massoud, and Bernard Gallo.

At 7:23 p.m. the undersigned excused herself from the meeting and the remainder of the meeting was hosted by Planning Director Sharon Calitro. At 7:24 p.m. Ralph Gallagher, Civil Engineer, joined the meeting.

#1132 Wooster School, 91 Miry Brook Road, (E19001), RA-40 Zone, for synthetic athletic field.

Mike Jumper, Chief Financial Officer of Wooster School, remarked that early on they decided to stay away from recycled tire material for their proposed synthetic turf field and use the EPDM material, and his experience was that Boards of Education insisted on EPDM material because of many of the issues brought up by Mr. Massoud.

Mr. Robb Champlin of Clark Companies is also present and has compiled additional reports and is prepared to discuss these reports. Mr. Champlin explained that other environmental benefits are the athletic fields do not need water or irrigation, and there are no emissions from lawnmowers, no fertilizers, no pesticides, etc. They are also extremely more playable than natural grass fields, and there are fewer injuries to lower extremities. He continued to explain that crumb rubber has been studied, especially in Connecticut, and as an outdoor athletic field designer and builder they feel crumb rubber is safe; however, knowing the concerns there are real benefits to EPDM rubber as an alternate infill. It is a manufactured product and long lasting – used in roofs and other outdoor applications, holding up to weathering very well, less risk of breaking down. It can be used again, and it is leach resistant.

Mr. Massoud remarked that he did not have a recollection of approving a synthetic turf field, which is why he began his research. He said the 2010 DEEP report discussed pollutants in recycled tires. He said as a commission we are not used to approving activities that could discharge pollutants to a receiving watercourse without some kind of pre-treatment, which was the basis for his remarks. Mr. Massoud asked if they can address the amount of discharge and is there an opportunity to avoid a direct discharge to Miry Brook and to provide treatment to the stormwater prior to discharge. Mr. Champlin explained there is a form of pre-treatment in the stone beneath the turf and water is backed up in the piping system similar to a forebay.

Motion to table until the next regular meeting on April 28, 2021 for staff report was made by Geoff Herald, seconded by Mary Cronin. Motion passed with AYES from Mary Cronin, Geoff Herald, Mark Massoud, and Bernard Gallo.

NEW BUSINESS:

#1133 7 Shady Knolls (J04014), RA-20 Zone, Bedard, Douglas, septic location approval

Ralph Gallagher, Licensed Professional Engineer, appeared along with the applicant, Doug Bedard, to present a septic and sediment and erosion control plan for the reconstruction of an existing dwelling in order to make the garage and septic more conforming. The property will be upgraded with code-

compliant septic system. There will be very little impact. Mr. Massoud was concerned about the EIC jurisdiction vs. First Light. Ralph explained this project is above the 440 line and does not involve FirstLight.

Motion to table until the next regular meeting on April 28, 2021 for staff report was made by Geoff Herald; seconded by Mary Cronin. Motion passed with AYES from Mary Cronin, Geoff Herald, Mark Massoud and Bernard Gallo.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Massoud; seconded by Geoff Herald. Motion passed with AYES from Mary Cronin, Geoff Herald, Mark Massoud, and Bernard Gallo. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Larkin
Recording Secretary