

**TOWN OF YORKTOWN CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 17, 2024**

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**Board Members Present:** Co-Chair Diane Dreier, Co-Chair Phyllis Bock, Gerardo Carfagno, Minnie Dineen- Carey, Peter Alduino, Lisa Rodriguez

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Diane Dreier called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The meeting took place in Town Hall Board Room.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting: June 15, 2024

Communications Received: None

Chairpersons Report: None and Tree work.

Reports from Other Committees: None

1. Welcomed new member, Lisa Rodriguez to the Board.

**2. Teatown Reservation- Campus Renovation**

The Board discussed the Teatown Lake Campus renovation with Alan Sorkin, Managing Director of Teatown Reservation and Mak Gratz from DTS Provident.

The Board understands the need for the renovation and is pleased to see environmental care in developing the plans. The proposed green roof on the new education center, the mitigation for direct work in the wetland, intrusion in the wetland buffer and mitigation for tree removal meets all environmental and conservation concerns. This project shows how a development can be designed to be sensitive to the environment and be a successful project meeting all needs of the applicant.

**3. Tree Removal Lakeshore Drive**

Dennis Wyss, of 3234 Lakeshore Drive, Mohegan Lake, appeared before the board to discuss the issuance of a tree permit for the removal of specimen oak tree. The Conservation Board recommends that based on inspection by Will Batista, Assistant Engineer, that the tree in its current unbalanced state be removed, and any fine that may be levied for work done before the applicant applied for the permit, is within the engineering departments purview.

**4. Atrac Recycling Center**

The Board discussed the Atrac Recycling Center located at 76 Route 6 with Margaret McManus from Badey & Watson.

Since the Board last reviewed this proposal, the applicant has revised the site plan and requested an area variance to allow a 100-ft setback from the eastern boundary line where 200 feet is required. The proposed revisions do not change or mitigate the original environmental concerns raised by the Conservation Board upon our initial review of the project at our March 6, 2024, meeting, which included concerns regarding the two wetland crossings, the severity of erosion along streams located on the property, and increased traffic flow with the subsequent increase in air pollution. Each layout presented by the applicant has significant adverse environmental impacts, and we do not support the granting of a variance.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm with a motion from Peter Alduino with a second from Gerardo Carfagno.