

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Hammonton Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Chairman Reitmeyer opened the meeting at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Robert Reitmeyer, Chairman
Jen Mayer
John Keenan
Bill Parkhurst
Dan Bachalis
Paul Galletta
John Fortis
John Scianni
Robert Roesch

Members Absent:

Dr. Tait Chirenje
Steve Mortelliti

Others Present:

Steven Furgione – Town Council Representative
Rich Tuzio – Representing Clean Flo
John Rizzotte - Public

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 2015 meeting made by John Scianni, seconded by John Keenan. All In favor. Motion Approved.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment:

Resident John Rizzotte asked if the Town has a policy in place to lower the lake in case of high water levels. Councilman Furgione responded that the lake has been lowered in expectation of large rain events.

Committee Reports:

Town Council: Councilman Furgione reported that the Town has been approached by “NJ Future” and that the Town is being considered for grant funding for green infrastructure, that J. Barberio has passed his test for herbicide application, that the Town will need to secure a boat to apply the bladderwort herbicide and that the timing of the application(s) could potentially cancel the 2016 trout stocking.

Parks & Recreation Commission: Dan Bachalis reported that the forum was discussed and was overall positive, but that more discussion on non-lake activities was hoped for.

Environmental Commission: Robert Reitmeyer reported that the formation of the 2016 Work plan was discussed and that end of year purchases were approved that will include payment of the 2016 ANJEC dues and funding for a Town intern for Community Forestry Management purposes.

Old Business:

1. Public Forum Review: The Committee discussed the forum. Dan Bachalis volunteered to draft notes from the public comment portion. It was mentioned that the Clean Flo system could have been better explained.

New Business:

1. Clean Flo Presentation: Clean Flo representative Rich Tuzio provided an informational presentation to the Committee. The following topics of interest were discussed with Mr. Tuzio.

- An evaluation of the current system would cost less than a \$1,000.00
- The existing pilot system does not incorporate enzymes which in Rich's opinion is more effective. Rich stated that the enzymes can be applied in coordination with Diquot and are now approved by The Pinelands Commission and the NJDEP.
- New compressors are available and should last longer. The cost of new compressors would range from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 each depending on certain variables. There are currently 9 in Hammonton Lake.
- Clean Flo offers a biological treatment program to control Fecal Coliform (Fc) by having other bacteria introduced that will outcompete the Fc. An annual program involving 4 biological treatment would cost approximately \$7,000.00.

2. 2016 Work Plan Formation: Reitmeyer distributed a draft copy of a work plan authored by Dan Bachalis and asked all committee members to review the plan and offer any revisions for the January meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

HLWQAC, Town of Hammonton