

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

February 10, 2016

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

Members Present:

Robert Reitmeyer, Chairman
 Terri Caruso-Cafiso, Vice-Chair
 Dr. Michael Hozik
 Angela Donio
 Amy Menzel
 Dr. Kathy Sedia
 Marty Matro
 Steven Carr
 Ryan Mayer

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Joseph Giraldo – Town Council Representative
 Michael Torrissi – Town Council
 Geoff Richter – Pinelands Preservation Alliance
 Louise Wilson – NJ Future
 Kandyce Perry – NJ Future
 Kevin Troilo – Hammonton Gazette

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 2016 meeting made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, seconded by Commissioner Menzel. All In favor. Abstained: Commissioners Matro, Mayer and Carr. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- Commissioner Hozik reported that the Board reorganized and a small subdivision was discussed.

Town Council- Councilman Giraldo reported that a public meeting with South Jersey Industries would take place at the high school regarding the Lincoln Street ground water remediation

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that the Commission reorganized, that the parks are in good shape and that all requests for use of Town facilities will be reviewed by Jerry Barberio.

GEHRC- No Report

Zoning Board- Commissioner Matro reported that the Board reorganized.

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported that the Committee reorganized, that planning was underway for the community garden, that applications are being accepted for garden plots, that the topic for the next Eye Opening event will be “Farm to Forest”, that Sustainable Jersey for schools is being pursued, that Adopt A Road cleanups are scheduled and that the goal for plastic bag collection has been met.

HLWQC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the Committee would be reviewing for potential updates the Hammonton Lake Management Plan and that planning for the Lake Park Cleanup was discussed.

Bicycle Advisory Committee- No Report

Old Business:

1. **2016 Hammonton Lake Park Cleanup:** The Commission discussed final planning for the cleanup event. The cleanup will occur on Saturday March 19th at 10:00 at the Hammonton Club. Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso will contact Shop-Rite of Hammonton for a donation of donuts. Commissioner Reitmeyer will update a flyer for distribution by all commissioners, complete a Use of Facilities permit for the Canoe Club and coordinate with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority.

New Business:

1. **Presentation by NJ Future:** Louise Wilson and Kandyce Perry made a presentation to the Commission regarding their non-profit entity and the potential to partner with the Town of Hammonton on green infrastructure projects. NJ Future may be able to assist the Town with reviewing Town ordinances that discourage the use of green infrastructure techniques. NJ Future will be selecting a “Pilot Town” where educational outreach, technical training and the construction of demonstration projects for public and private entities can be provided. Following the presentation a Resolution of Support for the Town to explore a partnership was approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Hozik and seconded by Commissioner Donio.
2. **Presentation by Pinelands Preservation Alliance:** The Commission heard a presentation by Geoff Richter of the PPA. Provided for discussion was a study of single family residential town water usage from 2011 to 2014 authored by the PPA. Data for the study included total annual billings from the Town of Hammonton Water Department. The final data shows that between 2011 and 2014 total Town water usage decreased by 37%.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **Jacob Franchetti at #227 S. Liberty Street** – Application for the removal of 1 Street Tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the February meeting.
2. **Amerigo Bruni at #417 South Liberty Street** – Application for the removal of one tree. Motion to Approve, made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton