

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

April 13, 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
 Amy Menzel
 Angela Donio

Members Absent:

Ryan Mayer
 Dr. Kathy Sedia
 Steven Carr
 Marty Matro

Others Present:

Kevin Troilo – Hammonton Gazette
 Jerry Barberio – Administrator, Town of Hammonton
 Joseph Giraldo – Councilman, Town of Hammonton

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 2016 meeting made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, seconded by Commissioner Menzel. All In favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Pinelands Commission correspondence regarding the Town of Hammonton municipal garage.

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- Commissioner Hozik reported that a meeting was held, but quorum was present. The next meeting will be held on April 20th.

Town Council- Councilman Giraldo reported that a Resolution to move ahead with NJ Future is expected to be passed at the next Council meeting.

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that Little League has started, that pinwheels will be placed at Key Club Park and that the Town parks are in good shape.

GEHRC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that John Keenan of the HLWQAC is expected to be named as the Town representative.

Zoning Board- No Report.

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported that the Downtown cleanup will be held this Saturday, that a Green Drinks event will be held at 3 3s on May 5th, that the committee will take part in the ACUA Earth Day event, that the plastic bag collection met the goal for receiving a free bench, that Sustainable Jersey recertification for the Town is being pursued and that interest in Sustainable Jersey certification for schools is being assessed.

HLWOC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the committee approved keeping Clean-Flo turned off for the remainder of 2016, that the lake treatment for bladderwort is moving ahead as planned, that the committee is looking for funding sources for pet sanitation stations are being sought and that Council approval for revising the Hammonton Lake Management Plan has been requested.

Bicycle Advisory Committee- Jerry Barberio reported that the bike racks are being prepared for placement.

Old Business:

1. **2016 Hammonton Lake Park Cleanup:** The Commission discussed the recent event. All present believed it to be another success. Approximately 130 people turned out to assist, and the park and the Smith Conservation Area are much cleaner.
2. **Community Forestry Management Plan:** J Barberio reported on the status of the C.F.M.P. process and that twenty trees have been ordered to replace dead trees provided to the Town through the New Jersey No Net Loss program. A motion to accept the proposal provided by Arbor Care Resources if Hammonton is awarded for C.F.M.P. funding by the State of N.J. made by Commissioner Menzel, Seconded by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso. All in Favor. Motion Approved. A motion to provide a letter of support for a related C.S.I.P. grant proposal was made by Commissioner Hozik, Seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in Favor. Motion Approved.
3. **ANJEC 2016 OSS Grant Application:** Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that he had submitted a grant proposal similar to last year's. The Commission should be informed by next meeting if the grant has been awarded.

New Business:

1. **2016 Arbor Day Celebration:** The Commission discussed plans for the upcoming Arbor Day. On Thursday April 28th Arborist Mickey Riggins will provide a presentation to all 4th graders at Hammonton Public Schools and at St. Joseph's. As part of the presentation all students will be given a free pine seedling purchased by the Commission. Additionally, a tree donated by Atlantic City Electric will be planted in front of the Post Office on Friday April 29th.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **Richard Traistor at #181 Pine Road**– Application for the removal of four trees. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the April meeting.
2. **Mary Ann Ferrigno at #373 S. Liberty Street**– Application for the removal of two trees. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the April meeting.
3. **Martin Shellhas Jr. at #200 Cherry Street** – Application for the removal of two trees. Motion to Approve made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in Favor. Motion Approved.
4. **Patricia Boughton at #311 12th Street** – Application for the removal of one tree. Motion to Approve made by Commissioner Menzel, Seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

5. **Jennifer Costa at #306 N. Washington Street** – Application for the removal of two trees. Motion to Approve made by Commissioner Menzel, Seconded by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Other New Business:

1. Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso mentioned that the Public School District would be planting trees near the high school.
2. Commissioner Reitmeyer mentioned that he has requested that street trees planted as part of the Grape St., Pratt St. and Second St. road reconstruction project be assessed by ARH for replacement by contractor.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton