

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Hammonton Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

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

Members Present:

Robert Reitmeyer, Chairman
John Keenan, Vice Chair
John Fortis
John Scianni
Bill Parkhurst
Robert Roesch
Paul Galletta
Otto Hernandez

Members Absent:

Dr. Tait Chirenji
Steve Mortellite

Others Present:

Joseph Giraldo, Town of Hammonton Councilman
Jerry Barberio, Town of Hammonton Administrator
John Rizzotte, Public

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 2016 meeting, made by P. Galletta, seconded by J. Scianni. All In favor. Motion Approved.

Correspondence:

Public Comment:

Resident John Rizzotte questioned what the responses in the 2015 Lake Park Survey indicated about the willingness of Hammonton taxpayers to fund Clean Flo expenses. Reitmeyer indicated he will need to review the surveys again to provide an answer.

Committee Reports:

Town Council: J. Barberio reported that the apparatus to apply the bladderwort herbicide is nearly complete at a cost @ \$1,000.00 and that the herbicide will cost @ \$6,000.00. It will be necessary to wait until the water temperature is at 65 degrees Fahrenheit to apply the herbicide. Public notices will be mailed prior to the application.

Parks & Recreation Commission: O. Hernandez reported that the Commission approved not turning on the Clean Flo units and held some discussion on the pet stations being proposed by the Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee.

Environmental Commission: R. Reitmeyer reported that the Commission discussed the 2016 Lake Park Cleanup, and is now focusing on providing a 2016 Arbor Day celebration. A tree donated by Atlantic City Electric will be planted in front of the Post Office and an Arbor Day presentation will be made to all Hammonton 4th graders who will also receive a tree seedling.

Old Business:

- 1. 2016 Hammonton Lake Park Cleanup:** The Committee discussed the recent event. All felt it was another good clean-up and attendance was good
- 2. Clean Flo Discussion:** The Committee discussed the use of the enzyme additive and the potential cost of repairing or replacing the units. A motion was made by B. Parkhurst and seconded by O. Hernandez to discontinue the use of Clean-Flo for the remainder of 2016. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 2
- 3. “Doggie Pot” Pet Stations:** It was discussed that the Committee should look for ways to fund the purchase of as many units as possible. Once units are purchased then priority locations can be determined.

New Business:

- 1. Committee Ordinance and Goals:** J. Keenan discussed the opportunity with NJ Future to implement green technology and for Hammonton to become a “Pilot Town” in this process. Keenan with plan to attend a workshop hosted by NJ Future.
- 2. Hammonton Lake Management Plan Review:** Reitmeyer reported that he has not heard from Council regarding an action on this item.

Other New Business:

- 1. B. Parkhurst** thanked Mayor, Council and Jerry Barberio for taking action to control bladderwort in Hammonton Lake.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

HLWQAC, Town of Hammonton