

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

September 10, 2014

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

Members Present:

Robert Reitmeyer, Chairman
 Angela Donio
 Dr. Michael Hozik
 Dr. Kathy Sedia
 Marty Matro
 Chris Jage
 Amy Menzel
 Steven Carr

Members Absent:

Terri Caruso-Cafiso

Others Present:

Councilman Dan Bachalis
 Robert A. Vettese, ARH
 Jerry Barberio, Town Administrator
 Vincent Calderone, CFMP Intern
 Paul Macrie, Hammonton Gazette

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 2014 meeting made by Commissioner Donio, seconded by Commissioner Matro. All In favor, Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 2014 meeting made by Commissioner Carr, seconded by Commissioner Jage. All In favor. Abstained: Commissioners Hozik and Matro. Motion carried.

Motion to alter the order of business made by Commissioner Sedia, seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Town of Hammonton Intern Report: The Commission heard a report from Town of Hammonton Intern Vincent Calderone on progress made to the Town's Community Forestry Management Plan. Within the report it was mentioned that the assessment of the Town Core is 80% complete and that approximately 1,370 trees have received a rating. Additionally about 30 trees have been rated a hazard for road/sidewalk hazard and 10 trees for proximity to a structure. A work item moving forward will be to take the data and enter it into the "i-tree" program.

2. St. Martin de Porres Green Acres Application: The Commission heard a report from Robert Vettese of Adams Rehmann and Heggan on the referenced application. The Town is pursuing the property for potential future use. A public meeting will be held on Monday

October 6th for discussion on this topic. A motion to endorse the application was made by Commissioner Jage and seconded by Commissioner Hozik. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion to resume the regular order of business made by Commissioner Sedia, seconded by Commissioner Hozik. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

The following items were received:

1. Email from ANJEC regarding William Penn Foundation's Delaware River Watershed initiative.
2. GEHRC August meeting documents.

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- Commissioner Hozik reported that a meeting was held and that a couple minor resolutions were approved.

Town Council- Councilman Bachalis reported that the first phase of the Boyer Avenue drip irrigation project is scheduled for September completion and that 75% of the existing effluent will enter this system.

Parks & Recreation- No Report

GEHRC- Commissioner Jage reported that the GEHRC will join a lawsuit to have the Menhaden fish included as a "Threatened" specie.

Zoning Board- No Report

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported that much of the focus has been on final Green day preparations. Also an Adopt-A-Road cleanup is scheduled for later in the month and the HallowGreen event will take place on October 11th.

HLWOC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the Town has secured a Lake lowering permit with a maximum lowering of 3ft. The 3ft. lowering is to be achieved by 11/15/14 and remain at that level until 12/5/14 at which time the lake will be filled to achieve a 2ft. lowering. The 2ft. lowering will remain in place until the end of the permit. Also, the erosion repair at the Lake Park loop road should be completed in October.

Old Business:

1. **Town of Hammonton Website:** Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that he met with Town Hall staff on this matter and that there are no apparent obstacles. He will begin forwarding documents so that this can move forward.

New Business:

1. **2014 Budget Items:** Commissioner Reitmeyer discussed various options for the use of the remaining balance and solicited suggestions from the Commission. In addition to paying the 2015 ANJEC dues other suggestions include the purchase of additional street trees for the Town and/or the purchase of a bike rack for placement at an appropriate location. No action is necessary at this time and more discussion will occur at upcoming meetings.
2. **2014 Green Day:** Commissioner Reitmeyer brought up for discussion final preparations for the Commission's display at the upcoming event.

Tree Removal Applications: None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton