

**TOWN OF HAMMONTON**  
**Environmental Commission**  
*Minutes*

November 12, 2014

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

**Members Present:**

Robert Reitmeyer, Chairman  
 Terri Caruso-Cafiso, Vice-Chair  
 Angela Donio  
 Dr. Michael Hozik  
 Marty Matro  
 Chris Jage

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Kathy Sedia  
 Amy Menzel  
 Steven Carr

**Others Present:**

Councilman Dan Bachalis  
 Paul Macrie, Hammonton Gazette  
 Jessica Blanchard, Americorp Watershed Ambassador  
 Brenda Damico  
 Ron Damici

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 2014 meeting made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, seconded by Commissioner Hozik. All In favor . Abstained: Commissioner Matro.  
 Motion carried.

Motion to alter the order of business to address tree removal applications made by Commissioner Matro, seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Tree Removal Applications:**

1. **Brenda Damico at #560 Grape Street**– Application for the removal of one street tree. Motion to Approve the application made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Donio. All In favor. Motion Carried.
2. **Frank Petruck at #526 Old Forks Road**- Application for the removal of one tree. Motion to Approve the application made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Matro. All in favor. Motion Carried.
3. **Denise Carlson at #30 Broadway** – Application for the removal of 2 trees. Determination during review was that trees were exempted due to size and location. No action required.
4. **Duke Bates at #431 Marlyn Avenue** – Application for the removal of 9 trees. Motion to Approve the application made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Matro. All in favor, Abstained, Commissioners Reitmeyer and Jage. Motion Carried.
5. **401 Investments at #401 12<sup>th</sup> Street** – Application for the removal of 1 tree, with one to be replanted. Motion to Approve/Deny the application made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Jage. All in favor. Abstained, Commissioner Hozik. Motion Carried.

Motion to resume the regular order of business made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, seconded by Commissioner Jage. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence:**

The following items were received:

1. Invoice for 2015 ANJEC Annual Dues.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Planning Board-** Commissioner Hozik reported that a “site plan waiver” application was tabled and that a sidewalk variance was not granted.

**Town Council-** Councilman Bachalis reported that the Grape Street project is moving ahead and that the Boyer Avenue overland drip irrigation is nearly done.

**Parks & Recreation-** Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that planning for the Little League World Series is well underway, that the Lake Park Revitalization report is nearly complete. Also reported that Girl Scout Christina Tomasello has installed the trail markers in the park and Smith Conservation area.

**GEHRC-** Commissioner Jage reported that the meeting was cancelled

**Zoning Board-** No Report

**Green Committee-** Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the next Adopt-a-road would take place on 11/16, that the next eye opening film and lecture series event will be 11/19 (Lives Worth Living), and that a Green Drink event will be held on 12/4 at Rocco’s

**HLWOC-** Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that a quorum was not present and that no action took place.

### **Old Business:**

1. **2014 Budget Items:** The Commission discussed various options for allocating the remaining balance of \$1,290.00. Motion was made to allocate the funds as listed; \$400.00 to pay 2015 ANJEC Dues, an amount not to exceed \$575.00 for purchasing 2 bike racks to be placed with the Downtown area, \$270.00 for the purchase of two (2) 2 inch caliper trees to be planted within the Downtown area and any remaining funds to be put towards the purchase of a third tree or office supplies by Commissioner Hozik, Seconded by Commissioner Jage. All in favor, motion carried / denied.

**New Business:**

1. **2015 Work Plan:** The Commission reviewed the 2014 Work Plan and discussed potential revision for approval at the December Commission meeting. It was decided that Commissioners Jage and Reitmeyer would lead the involvement with the PPA and ANJEC Watershed initiative discussed at the October meeting.

**Other New Business:**

1. Commissioners Matro and Donio and both up for re-appointment and would like to be re-appointed.
2. Discussion on the status of the Lake Revitalization Report. Will be presented to Council.
3. Councilman Bachalis discussed progress at the new Municipal Dog Park. A Tree Removal Application will be submitted for trees to be removed. Commissioner Reitmeyer will evaluate the permit for approval or place it on the December agenda.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Reitmeyer*

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton