

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

November 11, 2015

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
 Marty Matro
 Amy Menzel

Members Absent:

Chris Jage
 Dr. Kathy Sedia
 Angela Donio
 Steven Carr

Others Present:

Kevin Troilo – Hammonton Gazette

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 2015 meeting made by Commissioner Hozik, seconded by Commissioner Matro. All In favor. Abstained: Commissioners Caruso-Cafiso and Matro. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- Commissioner Hozik reported that two meetings have been held. The Planning Board moved to consider the entire Town an “Area in need of Rehabilitation” which will allow for a proposed tax abatement program being considered by Town Council. Recommended revisions to the form based codes for Council approval were also discussed.

Town Council- No Report

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that new signage for Veteran’s Park has been ordered, that there has been an increase in usage of Hammonton Lake Park, that the bathroom improvements at HLP are ready for installation and that there has been no change regarding the Municipal Dog Park.

GEHRC- No Report

Zoning Board- Commissioner Matro reported that the meeting was cancelled.

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported that the first year of the Community Garden was a success, that the cleanup day at the Community Garden would be held soon, that the Hallow-Green event was held, that the next Eye-Opening film titled “Tossed Out” will be held on 12/10/15, that the Adopt-A-Road cleanup will be held soon and that Sustainable Jersey recertification will be pursued next year.

HLWOC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported on the Public Forum and noted that the application of herbicide to control bladderwort at Hammonton Lake Park is on schedule.

*Bicycle Advisory Committee- No Report***Old Business:**

1. **Tree Risk Assessment Training:** Commissioners discussed the training provided by Arborist Mickey Riggins. The assessment included the issue of the large, older trees within the Town core area and that a plan should be developed to address the removal and replacement of the trees as they expire.

New Business:

1. **2015 Items:** The Commission discussed the use of the remaining Commission budget estimated to be \$740.00 after payment is made to Mickey Riggins.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso and seconded by Commissioner Matro to pay the 2016 ANJEC dues in the amount of \$410.00. All in favor, Motion approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Matro and seconded by Commissioner Hozik to use the remaining balance, estimated to be \$330.00, to support a Town Intern focused on the Community Forestry Management Plan and data entry. All in favor, Motion approved.

2. **Hammonton Lake Park Public Forum:** Commissioner Reitmeyer discussed the recent forum and the public comment received. It was also mentioned that the completion of surveys is ongoing. It was recommended that the use of a survey website be considered to gather input.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **Charles Sabarra at #313 Chestnut Street**– Application for the removal of one non-street tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the November meeting.
2. **Frank Munno at #320 Winding Way**– Application for the removal of one non-street tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the November meeting.
3. **Frank Grasso at #598 N. Second Street** – Application for the removal of one non-street tree. Motion to Approve made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Hozik. All in Favor. Motion Approved.
4. **Frank Grasso at #121 Fairview Avenue** – Application for the removal of one non-street tree. Motion to Approve made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Menzel. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton