

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

December 9, 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
 Chris Jage
 Dr. Kathy Sedia
 Steven Carr

Members Absent:

Angela Donio

Others Present:

Steven Furgione – Town Council Representative
 Kevin Troilo – Hammonton Gazette

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 2015 meeting, as amended, made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, seconded by Commissioner Menzel. All In favor. Abstained: Commissioners Sedia, Jage and Carr. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from resident James Whittaker indicating that his tree removal application was intended to allow the Town to remove the trees in question. He will not pay to have them removed.
2. Correspondence from GEHRC including the minutes from the October meeting and the December meeting agenda.

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- Commissioner Hozik reported that the meeting schedule for 2016 was approved and that a three lot residential subdivision proposed for the corner of 11th Street and Chew Road was reviewed

Town Council- Councilman Furgione reported the Town will seek a new CFMP grant and to input the I-Tree data, that South Jersey Industries will make a presentation to Public Works regarding the Lincoln St. remediation, that a joint meeting with Council and the Environmental Commission is also being considered in reference to the remediation project, that a meeting took place with “NJ Future” regarding a potential green infrastructure grant, that a Request for Proposal is being drafted for the rental of canoes at Hammonton Lake Park and that the Town is searching for a 14ft boat to assist with the herbicide application for bladderwort..

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that there has been no change regarding the Municipal Dog Park application to the Pinelands Commission, that a monument for

Veteran's Park has been ordered and that parking is still a concern at Hammonton Lake Park during Hawks games..

GEHRC- Commissioner Jage reported that the meeting will be held next week.

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

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported that the cleanup day at the Community Garden was held, that the Adopt-A-Road cleanup was held, that a Green Drinks event will be held at Tomfoolery, that a brief presentation will be made to Council regarding the Community Garden and that Sara Verillo will be the new Committee Chair.

HLWOC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that a presentation was made by a Clean-Flo representative regarding the existing system and what might be possible in the future and that the bladderwort treatment of Hammonton Lake remains on schedule.

Bicycle Advisory Committee- Commissioner Carr reported that bike racks have been ordered

Old Business:

1. **Hammonton Lake Park Public Forum:** Commissioners discussed the recent forum and the comments received.

New Business:

1. **2016 Work Plan :** The Commission discussed potential revisions to the 2015 work plan as appropriate for the upcoming year.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **James Whittaker at #526 Central Avenue**– Application for the removal of 3 street trees. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the December meeting.
2. **William Gannon at #155 Lakeshore Drive**– Application for the removal of 24 trees for the construction of a new single family dwelling. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the December meeting.
3. **Edward H. Marinelli at #322 4th Street**– Application for the removal of 1 street tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the December meeting.
4. **Brian Bosco at #200 Fairview Ave., Apt. #1**– Application for the removal of 1 street tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the December meeting.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton