

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

June 8, 2016

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

Members Present:

Robert Reitmeyer, Chairman
 Terri Caruso-Cafiso, Vice-Chair
 Amy Menzel
 Angela Donio
 Ryan Mayer

Members Absent:

Dr. Kathy Sedia
 Dr. Michael Hozik
 Steven Carr
 Marty Matro

Others Present:

Kevin Troilo – Hammonton Gazette
 Joseph Giraldo – Councilman, Town of Hammonton

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 2016 meeting made by Commissioner Menzel, seconded by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso. All In favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- No Report

Town Council- Councilman Giraldo reported that the herbicide application to Hammonton Lake for the purpose of controlling the bladderwort infestation has been completed and that the replacement of the street trees within the Grape St. /2nd St./Pratt St. work area is being sought within discussions with the contractor.

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that the new monument is in place at Veteran's Park, that parking is still a concern at Hammonton Lake Park, that the use of the Boyer Ave. fields by Eastern Developmental Program was approved, that the vandalism to the band stand at HLP is being investigated and that HLP will be ready for events connected to the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Zoning Board- No Report

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported that Community Garden is in good shape, that gardening workshops are being planned, that the recertification documents have been submitted to Sustainable Jersey and that planning is ongoing for Green Day 2016.

HLWQC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the June meeting will be held next week.

Bicycle Advisory Committee- Commissioners Donio and Mayer reported that the Town is preparing to install the bike racks.

Old Business:

1. **2016 Arbor Day Celebration:** Commissioner Reitmeyer provided a brief recap of the 2016 Arbor Day activities. Both presentations by Arborist Mickey Riggins were well received and the tree seedlings were handed out to all 4th graders. Additionally, the tree donated by Atlantic City Electric was planted at the Post Office. It is a very nice tree and the planting was well attended.

New Business:

1. **2016 Green Day Planning:** The Commission discussed various small handouts to have at the Green Day Festival in September. Ideas included shower timers to conserve water and native perennial flowers (not seeds). This will be further discussed in July.
2. **2016 Work Plan Items:** Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the Town's CFMP grant proposal had been awarded. The Commission will need to work closely with Arborist Mickey Riggins. The new CFMP should be completed by September.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **John Ezzi at #508 14th Street** – Application for the removal of 1 street tree. Motion to Approve made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in Favor, Motion Approved.
2. **Angela Donio at #101 Tilton Street** – Application for the removal of 1 street tree. Motion to Approve made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Menzel. All in Favor, Motion Approved. Commissioner Donio recused.
3. **Silvana Polozotto at #220 Pratt Street** – Application to remove 2 trees. Trees appear to have been taken down prior to approval. Reitmeyer will refer the matter to the Construction Official.
4. **Duke Bates at #799 Bellevue Avenue** – Application for the removal of 1 tree. Approved by Vice-Chairperson Caruso-Cafiso prior to the June meeting.
5. **Duke Bates at #515 S. Third Street** – Application for the removal of 4 trees. Approved by Vice-Chairperson Caruso-Cafiso prior to the June meeting.
6. **Jesse & Nancy Slemmer at #333 S. Liberty Street** – Application for the removal of three street trees. Approved by Vice-Chairperson Caruso-Cafiso prior to the June meeting
7. **Sons of Italy at #427 N. Third Street** – Application for the removal of one tree. Approved by Vice-Chairperson Caruso-Cafiso prior to the June meeting
8. **Gina and Gabe Donio at #400 Peach Street** – Application for the Removal of two trees. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the June meeting.
9. **Gennaro Critelli at #104 Marlyn Avenue** – Application for the removal of one tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the June meeting.

Other New Business:

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton