

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Call to Order by Councilman Jonathan Oliva: 7:05PM

Present: Bachalis, Caruso-Cafiso, Carr, Crowley, Donio, Hozik, Matro, Menzel, Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance

Selection of 2020 Chairperson

Chairperson: Hozik nominates Bachalis, Caruso-Cafiso seconds, approved by acclamation

Vice-Chairperson: Hozik nominates Caruso-Cafiso, Bachalis seconds, approved by acclamation

Dispense with Regular Order of Business

Motion: Caruso-Cafiso. Second: Hozik. Approved by acclamation

Special presentation by Professor Dean Polk, Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Agricultural Research and Extension Center on Spotted Lanternfly; Professor Polk presented a PowerPoint slide show on this invasive insect, now found in our area, posing a threat to our crops and other vegetation. He will make the slide show available to us for adaptation to Channel 9.

Return to Regular Order of Business

Motion: Caruso-Cafiso. Second: Hozik. Approved by acclamation

Approval of December 2019 Minutes

Motion to approve: Caruso-Cafiso. Second: Donio. Approved by acclamation

Correspondence

1. Pinelands Commission to Eric Wolf, White Horse MMT Urban Renewal LLC, re finding of Consistent application
2. Elizabeth Pitale, 309-311 Bellevue, LLC. Certificate of Filing for building 50 years or older (duplex).

Committee Reports

Town Council – Councilman Oliva: Newly-installed Councilman Oliva introduced himself to the Commission. Noted installation of various Council members and Town appointments at the Council’s January 6 Reorganization meeting.

Land Use Board – Commissioner Hozik: The Board tabled the application for installation of ground-mounted solar due to too many variance requests.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Commissioner Bachalis: Bachalis had presented at the parks Commission, giving them an update on the CSIP grant.

Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee – Commissioner Bachalis – no report

Green Committee – Commissioner Menzel: There will be a cleanup of Egg harbor Road on martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Commissioner Bachalis – no report

Greater Egg Harbor River Council – Commissioner Bachalis – No report

Old Business – Work Plan Updates

EIS – Commissioner Hozik – Approved for First Reading at Council Jan. 6.

NRI – Commissioner Bachalis – Bachalis will re-send draft NRI to members for discussion at February meeting.

Pollinator Garden – Commissioner Bachalis – no report

CFMP – Commissioner Crowley – No word from DEP re: results of NNL inspection. CSIP trees to be ordered soon.

Public Communication – No report

H.O.P.E. – Commissioner Bachalis: 2020 Lake Park Cleanup date: Commission unanimously approved March 28 as the date, with March 21 as second choice if the first date was not doable. Commissioner Menzel will coordinate with ACUA.

Tree Bank – Commissioner Menzel – awaiting Tree and Plating Guide from Mickey Riffin, trees to be ordered soon.

Plastic Bag Campaign – Commissioner Bachalis – SUP subcommittee met and delineated time frame for completion and deployment of the sculpture (Spring 2020).

Grants – Commissioner Bachalis – Covered under previous items

Training – Commissioner Bachalis – UCF webinar debrief

Tree Protection – Commissioner Bachalis – Bachalis will send letter to Code Enforcement for dissemination

Planting Strips – Commissioners Donio & Hozik – no report

Master Plan Green Building Element – Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso – no report

Tree Removal Applications

1. Duke Bates. 219 N. Washington. 1 tree, no replacement. Dead. Approved by Chairperson.
2. Duke Bates. 419 N. Packard. 4 trees, no replacement. Dead. Approved by Chairperson.

New Business

1. 2020 Work Plan ideas – Bachalis distributed draft Work Plan, encouraged Commissioners to review, add/subtract/etc. items for review and approval at February meeting.

Adjournment 9:30PM