

Hammonton Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Call to Order: 7pm

Attended by: M. Matro, A. Donio, M. Hozik, D. Bachalis, T. Cafiso,
A. Murphy, A. Menzel.

Absent: E. Baez and S. Carr

Also Attended: B. Sacco and K. MacLane

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2018. Motion to approve by M. Hozik/A. Menzel

Correspondence: 1) Pinelands Commission – Joseph & Christine Calabria minor subdivision.

Committee Reports:

Town Council - Councilwoman Sacco – The town has so far collected fees from outside organizations for events at park since we passed fee schedule. The land swap with Kramer Beverage has been completed.

Planning/Zoning - Commissioner Hozik - Mr & Mrs. Joseph Calabria was granted a minor subdivision to divide their property into 3 smaller lots. Mr. & Mrs. Silipini was granted a minor subdivision to divide their property into 2 lots. There was a request from Ms. Gloria Santilli/Robert Tapp for ground mounted solar on his property. The board opted to carry this matter over to their June 6th meeting giving the applicants an opportunity to provide the Board with proper surveys showing exactly where these panels would be located in relationship to property lines.

Parks & Recreation - Commissioner Cafiso – They will be having a CSI Camp for kids at a cost of \$78.00 per student. All parks are in good shape. Little League has started for the season.

Hammonton Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee - Chairman Bachalis Took a trip with Public Works and will work with them on the conditions of the inlets as Public Works is very busy with storm clean up.

Bicycle Advisory Committee - Chairman Bachalis – May is National Bike Month in fact today is National Bike To School Day. The Kickstand Club will be hosting a scavenger hunt on 5/20 starting at Vinyl. On 5/22 there will be a public forum on bike issues and making our streets pedestrian friendly to be held at Casciano's Next Door at 7pm.

Greater Egg Harbor River Council - Chairman Bachalis – no report.

Green Committee - Commissioner Menzel - They talked about the plastic bag and balloon ordinances . The committee would like to find ways to enforce and regulate such ordinances. They also discussed whether it was better to go with a fee for using plastic bags or whether it was better to do just an all out ban altogether. Local papers have recently done articles in this regard. Planning has started for this year's Green Day to be held 09/23/18.

Old Business: Work Plan Updates

- a) **Environmental Impact Statement** - Commissioner Hozik - This report should be ready for our June meeting.
- b) **Tree Pruning** - Chairman Bachalis –
- c) **Storm Water Quality** - Chairman Bachalis – The town, county, and Rutgers's University students have been working on a project with putting in a rain garden at the Atlantic County Library but ran into a snag with land area as there is already limited parking spaces. These issues will need to be worked out.
- d) **Noise Ordinance** - Commissioner Cafiso – In the process of getting Mullica's ordinance to fashion ours with.
- e) **CFMP**
- f) **"E-Presence": Town website & Facebook** - Commissioner Cafiso – there was a webinar today (5/9) on Emerald Ashborer Infestation. They attack Ash Trees. Our area has a very small population of Ash trees. – We have received many "hits" on our website. It is good that word has gotten out and that people are utilizing our website.
- g) **Tree Ordinance Enforcement** - All Commissioners
- h) **Watershed Incentive Program** – Chairman Bachalis – no report at this time.
- i) **Public Outreach** – Arbor Day for 4th graders in both schools went well.
- j) **Grants**
- k) **H.O.P.E**
- l) **Tree Bank** – Commissioner Menzel – No report at this time.

Tree Applications:

- 1) Luke Coia – 453 Middle Rd. – 2 trees – Motion to approve by M. Matro/T Cafiso – D. Bachalis abstained. - granted
- 2) Stone, William – 14 S. Grand St – 1 tree – Motion to deny by T. Cafiso /A. Donio – M. Hozik abstained – denied.
- 3) Sandra Templeton – 296 Chestnut St. – 1 tree – Motion to approve made by A. Menzel/A. Donio – granted

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- 4) Women's Civic Center – 418 S. Liberty St. – 1 tree – Motion to allow Chair and Vice-Chair to take another look and make determination was made by M. Hozik/T. Cafiso. All in favor.
- 5) Frank & Lorrie Chappine – 442 Bellevue Ave. – 1 tree – Motion to approve was made by M. Matro/T. Cafiso – granted.
- 6) Gabor Kiss – 190 Walmer St. – 1 tree – not marked so application will need to be resubmitted.
- 7) Richard J. Grasso – 66 S. Chew Rd. – 1 tree – Motion to approve was made by M. Matro/A. Donio. – granted.
- 8) Domenic Privitera – 304 Locust St. – 1 tree – Motion to approve was made by T. Cafiso/A. Donio – granted.
- 9) Hannalore K. Bonchi – 740 N. Egg Harbor Rd. – 1 tree - Motion to approve made by A. Menzel/A. Donio – granted.
- 10) Johanna & Nelson Johnson – 5 Waterfront Way – 1 tree – Motion to approve was made by A. Menzel/T. Cafiso – granted.

New Business:

1. Amy Menzel spoke with Jerry Barbario – Town Administrator – about putting a stuffer in this year's tax bill mailing on Environmental Frequently Asked Questions. He was agreeable to that and so it must be submitted by July 1st.

Adjournment: 9:25 pm