

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Cafiso, Crowley, Carr, Menzel, Murphy

Absent: Bachalis, Campos, Carr, Hozik, Matro

Town Council Liaison:

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Joseph Berenato

Guests: Matthew Gerwien, Atlantic City Electric; Gary & Marguerite Humphries; John Bizga

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Dispense with Regular Order of Business: Menzel; Second: Crowley. Motion approved.

Mr. Humphries spoke about his application to remove 2 trees. Motion to approve: Carr; Second: Murphy. Approved 5-0

Matt Gerwien from Atlantic City Electric spoke about the application to remove and/or trim numerous trees in Town.

Motion to Return to Regular Order of Business: Carr; Second: Crowley. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

- Town Council – No report.
- Land Use Board – No report.
- Lake Water – No report.
- Great Egg Harbor River Council – No report.
- Parks and Recreation – Caruso-Cafiso; Councilman Furgione will be applying for the spring spraying permit. Lou Cappuccio is concerned with the dead fish at the lake. The new playground equipment has been delivered.
- Green Committee – Amy Menzel; Upcoming events: A children & adult workshop will be held on 8/11 at 9:30 am at the garden. Garden talk will be held on 8/16. The Green Market will be held on 8/18 and 9/15. Green Day will be on 10/1.
- Bike Advisory –No meeting.

Old Business (Work Plan):

Tree Removal Applications

1. Mazza, 157 Broadway. One tree, dying. Many replacements. Motion to approve: Menzel; Second: Murphy. Approved 5-0.

2. Humphries, 481 11th St. Two trees, one sickly, one in need of pruning. No replacements. Motion to approve: Carr; Second: Murphy. Approved 5-0.

3. Anderson, Campanella & LaGuardia, 17 & 23 Marlyn Ave. One tree, no replacement. Dying. Motion to approve: Carr; Second: Murphy. Approved 5-0.

4. Bates, 431 Marlyn Avenue. For 200 13th Street. Eight trees, no replacements. Building renovations. Motion to approve: Menzel; Second: Menzel. Approved 5-0.

5. Equity Trust/Bates, 642 Bellevue Avenue. Six trees, no replacements. Building construction. Motion to approve: Crowley; Second: Murphy. Approved 5-0.

6. Atlantic City Electric, numerous locations. Motion to approve: Menzel; Second: Carr. Approved 5-0.

7. Andujar, 309 W. Pleasant St. Four trees, no replacements. Dropping needles and “debris”. Motion to approve: Crowley; Second: Menzel. Approve 5-0.

8. Rodio, 45 N 4th St. One street tree, dying. No replacement. Motion to approve: Menzel; Second: Carr. Approved 5-0. (This was also approved as part of the application from Atlantic City Electric)

9. Natoli, 456 13th Street. Two street trees, dead. No replacements. Motion to approve: Murphy; Second: Crowley. Approved 5-0.

New Business

1. Discussion to draft a letter of support for the PPA Grant. Motion to approve: Carr; Second: Menzel. Approved 5-0.
2. Recycling partnership has recycling volunteers going door to door providing information about recycling to residents.

Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.