

# Hammonton Environmental Commission

## Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Present: Bethmann, Caruso-Cafiso, Crowley, Hozik, Menzel

Absent: Bachalis, Carr, Campos, Matro

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Joe Berenato

### Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Approve January Minutes: Motion: Hozik; Second: Menzel. Approved.

### Committee Reports

- Town Council – No report.
- Land Use Board – Dr. Hozik; There was 1 application for zoning by the Eagle Theater for a workshop and to use the existing house for actor housing. This was approved.
- Lake Water – No report.
- Great Egg Harbor River Council – No report
- Green Committee – Amy Menzel; The committee is getting ready for the garden season. The community garden still has beds available. The cost is \$20 for a 12 x 4 bed. The seed library is going strong, and they are updating the website with the inventory. Future events and garden talks are being discussed. The Venom Jeep Club was at the last meeting and invited the committee to their next meeting. Tom Hatch, a contractor with SJ Gas spoke about programs through SJ Gas for low & moderate income families. Katia Ramirez spoke about the Hammonton Health Coalition and the Green Committee is going to join the coalition. The green market will be open again this season on Horton Street. Dates for Green Day are being discussed. There will be a lake clean-up on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration is from 9-12 and the clean-up is from 10-12:30. There is a great opportunity available for a landscape makeover through Pinelands Preservation Alliance for landscape help and design for residents living around the Hammonton Lake.
- Bike Advisory – No report.
- Parks & Rec – Cafiso; Lou Cappuccio was elected Chair and Paul Ordille was elected as Vice-Chair. They are still working on the park signage.

### Tree Removal Applications:

1. Fr. David Rivera, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish, 226 French Street. 2 trees, no replacement. Parish to resurface parking lot, trees affecting existing pavement. Motion to table for more explanation and information: Bethmann; Second: Hozik. Approval to table 5-0.
2. William Parkhurst, 890 Central Avenue. Two trees, no replacement, both dead. Motion to table until trees are marked: Menzel; Second: Hozik. Approval to table 5-0.

New Business

1. Chris Bethmann said that he watched the US Forest Service webinar on 2/8 and that it was very interesting and informative.
2. Amy Menzel said that she read that the presentations from the October Shade Tree conference are all online now.

Adjournment: 7:45 p.m.