

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Present: Bachalis, Cafiso, Crowley, Carr, Matro, Menzel

Absent: Campos, Hozik, Murphy

Town Council Liaison: Jonathan Oliva

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Joseph Berenato

Guests: Mr. Phillip Carr, Mr. Jim Sassano, Mr. & Mrs. Baker

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mr. Carr introduced himself as the property owner of 36-38 N. Packard Street. He then turned it over to Mr. Sassano who is interested in purchasing the property from Mr. Carr upon approval of the tree removal permit and Land Use Board approval. After discussion, the Commission decided to approve the application with conditions. Motion to approve with conditions: Cafiso; Second: Crowley. Approved with conditions: 6-0.

Mr. & Mrs. Baker at 500 N. 4th Street, appeared at the request of the Commission for clarification on their application that was tabled in November. Motion to approve as is: Cafiso; Second: Matro. Approved 6-0.

Motion to Return to Regular Order of Business: Cafiso; Second: Menzel. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

- Town Council – Oliva; Drip irrigation started on Boyer Avenue a few weeks ago. Work on School House Lane & Valley Avenue will receive a topcoat once the weather breaks. There was a new application completed for lake park improvements and the Town is hoping to be successful in obtaining another grant. Chairman Marinelli of the Planning Board is stepping down at the end of this year.
- Land Use Board – No report.
- Lake Water – Bachalis; The committee met on 12/13 and passed a resolution to recommend the PWTC raise the lake immediately. There will be a presentation from Emma Witt at Stockton in either January or February. The committee will submit another grant application to Bass Pro Shops this year.
- Great Egg Harbor River Council – Bachalis; The committee suggested to make sure the Master Plan includes that the Town is in the Mullica River watershed as well as the Great Egg Harbor River watershed.
- Parks and Recreation – No report.
- Green Committee – Amy Menzel; The Town received a bronze recertification from Sustainable Jersey this year. On 1/19/23 from 6-8 p.m. the committee will meet at the Harley Dawn Diner for green drinks.
- Bike Advisory –No report.

Old Business (Work Plan):

Tree Removal Applications

1. Baker, 500 N. 4th Street, 18 trees, lot clearing. Motion to approve as is. Motion: Cafiso; Second: Matro. Approved 6-0.
2. Bruno, 20 Rachel Ct., 11 trees, 11 replacements. Approved by Chairman Bachalis.
3. Williams, 356 Rt. 206, 9 trees, 3 replacements. Motion to table for clarification: Cafiso; Second: Matro. Tabled until January.
4. Hometown Heritage, 317 12th Street, 1 tree. Motion to approve: Cafiso; Second: Matro. Approved 6-0.
5. Sassano, 36 thru 38 N. Packard Street, 25 trees, 12 new replacements. Motion to approve with conditions: Cafiso; Second: Crowley. Approved with conditions 6-0.
6. Begley, 20 S. Madison Ave., 2 trees, 4 replacements. Motion to approve: Menzel; Second: Cafiso. Approved 6-0.

New Business

1. 2022 appointments: terms that are up this year: Bachalis, Carr and Murphy.

Adjournment: 8:48 p.m.