

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Campos, Carr, Matro, Murphy

Town Council Liaison: Councilman Oliva

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Joseph Berenato

Guests: CherylLynn Walters, Attorney; Thomas Roesch, Attorney; Mikhael Trocki-Videll, Hammonton Gardens

Pledge of Allegiance

Dispense with Regular Order of Business: Motion: Caruso-Cafiso; Second: Hozik. Approved by acclamation.

Presentation by Hammonton Gardens: The plan is to rehab the current 2 story buildings and add 4 new 3 story buildings. They will also remove the house in the front and build a clubhouse.

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

Return to Regular Order of Business: Motion: Caruso-Cafiso; Second: Hozik. Approved by acclamation.

Committee Reports

- Town Council – Councilman Oliva; The report for the water results on Lincoln Street has been good. The Town bonded Valley Avenue and Schoolhouse Lane. The Hammonton Police Dept. in conjunction with different community groups will hold an Easter event on Friday, April 15th from 1-3 on 2nd Street.
- Land Use Board – Dr. Hozik; The Board approved 1 application to change the sign at Fire Co. #2 on the White Horse Pike to an LED sign.
- Lake Water – Bachalis; The Committee met on April 12th and are looking to complete a couple grant applications.
- Great Egg Harbor River Council – Bachalis; No report.
- Parks and Recreation – Caruso-Cafiso; The Town and School Board are looking to resurface the tennis courts and add a few pickleball courts. Little league started up on Saturday, April 7th with a parade and there was a large turnout.
- Green Committee – Amy Menzel; The committee is going to build 10 new beds at the community garden this year; The seed library has had a lot of interest. On Third Thursday, May 19th there will be a seed workshop. May 7th, clean-up at 10 am. Sustainable Jersey recertification is due by May 22nd.
- Bike Advisory – No report.

Old Business (Work Plan):

1. Dedication by Rider – Dan asked Councilman Oliva if this could be added to Council's agenda and be approved at the April or May meeting at the latest.
2. Tree City USA application approved.
3. Green Building/Environmental Sustainability master plan element – Dan had a meeting with Councilman Oliva to discuss the progress.

4. CFMP
 - a. Approved though 2026.
 - b. 2021 AAR approved.
 - c. DEP is inspecting the tree bank on 4/14 at 9 am.
 - d. Tree distribution Friday, 4/29. Trees will be delivered to 3rd graders in the schools. Members can help on 4/27 & 4/28 to bag the trees for distribution.
5. Single-use plastics
 - a. The ban goes into effect on May 4th.
 - b. Green Committee has bags that they will give out at Third Thursday
6. Dan met with Luis, and he is in the process of working on the translation.

Tree Removal Applications

1. Chang Qin Zeng, 3337 Lakeview Drive. Mr. Zeng was not present at the meeting and the application was denied.
2. Tim Wyer, 616 Wilbur Avenue. 1 tree, no replacement. Homeowner amended the application to include 2 trees in the back and to trim another tree. Motion to approve original application: Cafiso; Second: Menzel. Motion to trim street tree: Hozik; Second: Bachalis Approved 5-0. Approval of the final, smaller tree was denied.
3. Anthony Molino, 310 S. Chew Road. Six trees, 5 replacements. Motion: Cafiso; Second: Hozik. Approved 5-0.
4. George Worrell, 350 Maple. Two street trees, two replacements. Motion: Menzel; Second: Cafiso. Dr. Hozik abstained. Approved 5-0.
5. Christian Bethmann, 166 Maple Street. Two trees, one replacement already completed. Motion: Hozik; Second: Cafiso. Approved 5-0.
6. John Benedetto, 9 Samantha Drive. 30 trees, replacements to be determined. Motion: Hozik; Second: Cafiso. Approve 5-0.
7. Zachary Brown, 136 Front Street. One tree, no replacement. Motion: Hozik; Second: Cafiso. Approved 5-0.
8. Kelin Jimenez, 591 N 3rd Street. One tree, no replacement. Motion: Cafiso; Second: Crowley. Approved 3-2.
9. Jack Rehmann, 431 Bernshouse Avenue. One tree, no replacement. Motion: Hozik; Second: Crowley. Approved 5-0.
10. John Tomasella, 830 S 2nd Road. One tree, no replacement. Motion: Cafiso; Second: Hozik. Approved 5-0.
11. Anibal Garcia-Herrera, 430 N Chew Road. Two trees, no replacement. Motion: Hozik; Second: Cafiso. Approved 5-0.

Adjournment: 9:04 p.m.