

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m.

Present: Cafiso, Carr, Hozik, Niedoba, Menzel

Absent: Bachalis, Bethmann, Crowley, Berenato

Town Council: R. Rodio

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Kristen Guglietti

Guests: Attorney Keith Davis, Jim Wheel from Infinity, and Zeke Cullin from Mid-Atlantic Engineers all for Polyvel Solar; Sam Ramirez, resident for tree application.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Approve the March Minutes: Motion: Menzel; Second: Hozik. Approved 4-0, Niedoba abstained.

Motion to Dispense with Regular Order of Business: Motion: Hozik; Second: Menzel. Approved by acclamation.

Presentation by Polyvel seeking a letter of support to the Planning Board: Motion: Hozik; Second: Carr. Approved by acclamation.

Motion to Return to Regular Order of Business: Motion: Hozik; Second: Menzel. Approved by acclamation.

Committee Reports

- Town Council – Rodio; No report.
- Land Use Board – Hozik; The Board completed their review of the Master Plan draft, and it is now back in the hands of the Town Planner for edits. A curb and sidewalk waiver was approved for Myrtle Street.
- Great Egg Harbor River Council – Bachalis; No report.
- Green Committee – Menzel; The community garden opens on 4/20/24. The seed library is going strong.
- Parks & Recreation – Cafiso; No report.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. Jose Raul Ramirez, 51 & 57 8th Street. Tabled from March. The commission referred Mr. Ramirez to get wetlands delineation & Pinelands approval. Commissioner Niedoba recommended getting an engineer to assist. Until this is all done, no trees can be removed.
2. Roy Thorstensen, 627 Anderson Ave. Motion to approve all but the holly trees: Menzel; Second: Carr. Approved with conditions by acclamation.
3. James Jackson, 801 7th Street. Motion to approve: Niedoba; Second: Hozik. Approved by acclamation.

4. Ricardo and Lorraine Esteves, 132 S. Monroe Avenue. Motion to approve: Menzel; Second: Carr. Approved by acclamation.
5. Victor Mazza, 157 Broadway. Motion to approve: Niedoba; Second: Carr. Approved by acclamation.
6. Robert Curatola, 75 Lakeshore Drive. Motion: Menzel; Second: Hozik. Approved by acclamation.
7. James H. Paris, 157 Maple Street. Prior approval by Chairperson.

Old Business: None

New Business

1. Arbor Day presentation will be held on 4/26/2024 at 9 a.m. at the WED school.

2024 Actions

1. The Tree City application was approved.
2. NJDEP UCF accreditation was approved.

Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.