

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Present: Cafiso, Menzel, Bethmann, Crowley, Hozik, Carr, Berenato

Absent: Bachalis, Niedoba

Town Council: Rodio

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Donald Yamasaki

Guests:

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Approve the April Minutes: Motion: Menzel; Second: Bachalis. Approved 2-0, Bethmann & Crowley abstained.

Committee Reports

- Town Council – Rodio; No report.
- Land Use Board – Hozik; Approved curb & sidewalks. Approved the use of an existing outbuilding as a retail business. Master Plan public meeting will be held July 24th.
- Green Committee – Menzel; The garden shed, and sign were vandalized. June 19th featured a garden talk on figs. July 16th garden talk on blueberries. An adopt-a-road clean-up will be held June 15th. The community market will be held on the 4th Friday from 5-8 p.m. Sustainable Jersey recertification. The Green committee received a \$750 grant from the NJ Native Plant Society for some planting downtown.
- Parks & Recreation – Cafiso; No report.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. Romeo, 401 Grape Street. The trees are undersized, no permit is needed.
2. Rodriguez, 479 11th Street. Trees 1 and 2 are undersized so no permit is needed. Trees 3 & 4 need a permit. Motion to approve: Berenato; Second: Bethmann. Approved by acclamation.
3. Wetherbee, 218A Lincoln Street. Recommend for pruning not removal. Motion to deny: Menzel; Second: Crowley. Denied by acclamation.
4. Bailey, 20 Valley Avenue. 1 tree was undersized, so no permit needed. Motion to approve 2nd tree: Carr; Second: Berenato. Approved by acclamation.
5. Tyree, 120 Lakeview Drive. Approved by Chair.
6. Johnson, 5 Waterfront Way. Approved by Chair.
7. Benedetto, 344 East Lane. Approved by Chair.
8. Rodriguez. 204 Valley Ave. Approved by Code Enforcement.
9. Morrison, 949 S Second Road. Approved by Chair.

2024 Actions

1. Arbor Day recap: Poster contest reception was held. The checks for the winners are being sent out by The Town Clerk's office after the June Council meeting.

Adjournment: 7:55 p.m.