

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

August 13, 2014

Chairman Reitmeyer opened the meeting at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Robert Reitmeyer, Chairman
 Terri Caruso-Cafiso, Vice-Chair
 Angela Donio
 Chris Jage
 Dr. Kathy Sedia
 Amy Menzel
 Steven Carr

Members Absent:

Dr. Michael Hozik
 Marty Matro

Others Present: None

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes to carried over until the September meeting

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- No Report

Town Council- Councilman Bachalis reported via email that an intern has been sampling the lake water as was done last year. It is hoped that a presentation could be made at the September meeting. Also, the Town has applied for Green Acres funding to purchase the St. Martin de Porres site. Additionally, Town sponsored Adopt-A Road and Adopt-A-Park programs are being proposed. Lastly, a municipal Bike Trail Map is being designed.

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that the Kiwanis Club will be repairing the pavilion at Hammonton Lake Park

GEHRC- No Report

Zoning Board- No Report

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported that the last of the “Sandy” tree seedlings had been given out and planning continues for the upcoming Green Day event to be held on 9/13.

HLWOC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the lake lowering permit is still being pursued and that he met with Jerry Barberio and the Public Works Supervisor to discuss corrective measures for the erosion at the HLP ball fields.

Old Business:

1. **2013 ANJEC Open Space Grant:** Commissioner Jage reported that all signs have been installed and that all grant requirements have been met pending delivery of electronic images of the signs to ANJEC. Chairman Reitmeyer thanked Jage for his exceptional effort in the completion of the grant.

New Business:

1. **Green Day Preparations:** Discussion was again held on the upcoming Green Day Event. Was requested that Commissioners review their personal schedules for availability to attend. Reitmeyer will coordinate the display resources. Items of need include tables, chairs, handouts, energy game, posters and photographs of previous Commission activities.
2. **Work Plan Items:** Reitmeyer reported that he had met with Town Hall staff regarding the establishment of a Commission webpage on the Town's website. It seems very likely that this can be done and at minimal or no additional cost to the Town. The Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee will also pursue a web page.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **Angelo Olive at #610 West Pleasant Street**– Application for the removal of one tree. Approved by R. Reitmeyer prior to the August meeting.
2. **Matthew Patterson at #849 Central Avenue**- Application for the removal of 7 trees for the construction of a single family dwelling. Approved by R. Reitmeyer prior to the August meeting.
3. **Bea Maguzu at #515 Pratt Street**- Application for the removal of 1 street tree. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso and seconded by Commissioner Sedia. All in favor, motion approved.
4. **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Society**- Application for the removal of 1 tree. Motion to deny the permit and recommend trimming pending the submission of additional relevant information made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso and seconded by Commissioner Sedia. All in favor, motion approved.
5. **Tino Catania at #543 Central Avenue**- Application for the removal of 1 street tree, with 4 to be replanted. All indications are that a street tree has already been removed at this address. Reitmeyer will refer this matter to the Construction Official.
6. **Frank Della Pervia at #700 Bellevue Avenue**- Application for the removal of 1 tree. Motion to approve the permit made by Commissioner Donio and seconded by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso. All in favor, motion approved.

Other New Business:

1. Commissioner Jage brought up for discussion the “Open Space & Farmland Preservation ballot initiative” which will, if approved, provide a 30 year funding source for various New Jersey State open space preservation programs.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton