

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

December 10, 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
Dr. Michael Hozik
Marty Matro
Amy Menzel (Alternate)
Steven Carr (Alternate)

Members Absent:

Dr. Kathy Sedia
Chris Jage

Others Present:

Councilman Dan Bachalis
Paul Macrie- Hammonton Gazette

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 2014 meeting made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, seconded by Commissioner Donio. All In favor . Abstained: Commissioner Menzel.
Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Invoice for 2015 ANJEC Dues

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- No Report

Town Council- Councilman Bachalis reported that the Overland Drip Irrigation has been completed and tested and that funding has been approved for the Drip Irrigation.

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that the Adopt-A-Park program is underway, the Municipal Dog Park is making progress and that preparations are being discussed for the upcoming Little League World Series events.

GEHRC- No Report

Zoning Board- Commissioner Matro reported that the issue of the Tuckahoe Turf Farm has been re-assigned to the Planning Board.

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported that the Adopt-A-Road event was successful, planning is underway for Sustainable Jersey recertification and other 2015 work items.

HLWOC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the lake lowering of Hammonton Lake is underway, that a 2015 herbicide treatment for bladderwort is expected and that the Committee will continue to review lake water samples for the past two years.

Old Business:

1. **2014 Budget Items:** Commissioner Reitmeyer provided a status update on each of the previously approved expenditures.

New Business:

1. **2015 Work Plan:** The Commission discussed components of the 2015 Work Plan. Additionally it was discussed that the Commission should received additional tree health training and re-visit the identification of significant trees within municipal boundaries.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **Corinne Nelson at 18 W. Pleasant St.** – Application for the removal of one tree. Motion to approve the removal made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Hozik. For: Commissioners Matro, Donio, Hozik, Caruso-Cafiso, Menzel, Carr. Opposed: None. Abstained: Commisioner Reitmeyer. Application Approved.
2. **Marjorie Pullia at #36 Allen Lane**– Application for the removal of one street tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the December meeting.
3. **Jorge Lopez at #131 Lincoln Street**- Application for the removal of one street tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the December meeting.
4. **Susan Romano at #26 Broadway** – Application for the removal of one tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the December meeting.
5. **Leatrice Osciak at #367 Lakeview Drive** – Application for the removal of one tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the December meeting.
6. **Town of Hammonton at the Boyer Avenue Soccer Fields** – Application for the removal of multiple town trees of various diameters, for the purpose of creating a Municipal Dog Park. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the December meeting.

Other New Business:

1. The Commission discussed the ongoing tree replanting along the reconstructed portions of Grape Street. Commissioner Reitmeyer will contact ARH for information on these replanting.
2. The Commission thanked Councilman Dan Bachalis for his exemplary service to the Town and for being a strong advocate for the Commission.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton