

**TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes**

April 8, 2015

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
Dr. Kathy Sedia
Chris Jage
Amy Menzel

Members Absent:

Marty Matro
Steven Carr

Others Present:

Paul Macrie – Hammonton Gazette

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 2015 meeting made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, seconded by Commissioner Menzel. All In favor. Abstained: Commissioner Sedia.
Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- Commissioner Hozik reported that a presentation was made by the Kevin Dixon, the Town Planner, on a potential redevelopment process for the Route 30 Gateway area.

Town Council- No Report

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that Field upgrades are underway in preparation for the upcoming Little League World series and that the municipal Dog Park is on hold due to a potential complication with the Pinelands Commission.

GEHRC- No Report

Zoning Board- Commissioner Donio reported that a variance had been issued for EJT Exteriors.

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported that the next S. Egg Harbor Road cleanup will be held on May 9th, a cleanup in partnership with Shoprite will be held on 4/25, that the planning for the Community Garden is moving forward and that planning is underway for the 2015 Green Day event.

HLWOC- No Report, meeting will be held next week.

Old Business:

1. **2015 ANJEC Open Space Grant:** Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the application has been submitted and we are awaiting notice. Commissioner Jage recommended that multi-year herbicide application be considered for phragmites control.
2. **7th Annual Hammonton Lake Park Cleanup:** It was discussed that the event was again successful and that despite two weather related postponements and rain on the day of the cleanup 50 volunteers still took part. Numerous bags of trash and recycling were removed from Hammonton Lake Park and the Smith Conservation Tract.

New Business:

1. **2015 Arbor Day Celebration:** Commissioner Reitmeyer mentioned that Arborist Mickey Riggins of Arbor Care has again agreed to provide a presentation to the 4th grade classes in both the Hammonton Public School system and at St. Josephs. The Commission will provide Red Bud tree seedlings to all 4th grade students in attendance. Reitmeyer also noted that the planting of a tree to be donated by Atlantic City Electric is also being planned, but details have not been finalized.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **Resident at #335 E. Pleasant Street** – Application for the removal of one tree to facilitate roof mounted solar panels. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the April meeting pending completion of the Applicant certification on the Application form by the property owner.
2. **Michele Galei Wilson at #680 Grape St.** – Application for the removal of one dead non-street tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the April meeting.
3. **Dennis Fallon at #369 S. Third St.** – Application for the removal of two non-street trees. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the April meeting.

Other New Business:

1. Commissioner Jage questioned whether the Town can ask NJ Transit to clean the train station area.
2. Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso asked about the status of WiFi connection in Council chambers.
3. Commissioner Sedia mentioned that through The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey she is working with the Woodbine school district on an outdoor classroom.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton