

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

May 13, 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
 Marty Matro
 Chris Jage
 Amy Menzel (Alternate)
 Steven Carr (Alternate)

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Councilman Steven Furgione
 Paul Macrie, Hammonton Gazette
 Damien Del Duca
 Frank Faucet
 Brian Hall
 Brian Cleary
 John Jenkins

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 2015 meeting made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, seconded by Commissioner Donio. All In favor. Abstained: Commissioners Matro and Carr. Motion carried.

Motion to alter the order of business made by Commissioner Jage, seconded by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Tractor Supply Site Plan Review: The Commission reviewed pertinent documents and heard a presentation by professionals representing the applicant. At the completion of the presentation a motion to: Accept the Modified Environmental Impact Statement and recommend that the Planning Board accept the application as being complete - pending submittal of the required Pinelands Commission Certificate of Filing was made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Hozik. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to resume the regular order of business made by Commisioner Matro, seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

The following items were received:

1. ANJEC Spring 2015 Report
2. GEHRC Minutes

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- Commissioner Hozik reported that a public hearing was held and that a Gateway District was recommended to be designated as an area “in need of redevelopment”

Town Council- Councilman Furgione reported that the drip irrigation at Boyer Avenue is nearly complete and the connection to the slit trenched is also being completed, that the fields will be ready for play in the fall and that an intern will be competing the CFMP tree inventory.

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that preparation continue to be made for the Little League World Series event, many picnic events have been scheduled at HLP, and that the municipal dog park is still on hold.

GEHRC- Commissioner Jage reported the Council has good Legislative support, that a mapping of canoe “put ins” will be improved with the addition of stream mile markers and that the council will be involved in removing abandoned and sunken crap pots.

Zoning Board- Commissioner Matro reported that a meeting was held, but that no action was necessary.

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported on the upcoming “eye-opening lecture” event on May 16th, upcoming road cleanups, rain barrel event, May 20th Sustainable Jersey event in Atlantic City, Community Garden and the 2015 Green Day Event.

HLWOC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the Water Dept. intern should begin taking samples from Hammonton Lake early in June, that storm drain maintenance will begin soon and that some maintenance of Clean Flo is necessary.

BAC – Commissioners Jage and Carr reported that in addition to the two bike racks ordered by the Commission, twenty were ordered by Hammonton Rotary. Bike racks have not come yet.

Old Business:

1. **2015 Arbor Day Celebration:** Arbor Day Events were a success. School presentations by arborist Mickey Riggins were well received as were Redbud seedlings given to all 4th Grade Student. Atlantic City Electric donated a flowering dogwood which was planted at the WES Elementary School.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **Steven Pinard at #250 Lakeview Drive** – Application for the trimming of two street trees due to interference with Power Lines. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the May meeting.
2. **John Jenkins at #239 Lakeshore Drive** – Application for the removal of seven trees with three to be replanted for new home construction. Motion to Approve the application made by Commissioner Sedia, Seconded by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso. All In favor. Motion Carried/Denied.

Other New Business:

1. Commissioner Jage brought up for discussion the topics of asking NJ Transit to clean the area surrounding the parking lot at the train station and the possibility of asking NJ Transit to provide a bike at the parking lot.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton