

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

September 9, 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
 Amy Menzel

Members Absent:

Steven Carr
 Chris Jage

Others Present:

Kevin Troilo– Hammonton Gazette
 Councilman Steven Furgion

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 2015 meeting made by Commissioner Sedia, seconded by Commissioner Donio. All In favor. Abstained: Commissioners Menzel, Reitmeyer, Hozik and Matro.
 Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- Commissioner Hozik reported that no meeting was held.

Town Council- Councilman Furgione reported that the Boyer Avenue soccer drip irrigation and sod installation is underway, that a public meeting was held for Wells #1 & #3, that South Jersey Industries will begin installing monitoring equipment for the contamination plume and that the Town is requesting that NJ Transit clean up at the train station.

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that an official meeting was not held due to a lack of quorum, but that informal discussion took place on field lighting quotes, use of facilities requests, clean flo and the significant improvement made at the park by the Kiwanis Club.

GEHRC- No Report

Zoning Board- No Report

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported that final preparations are being made for Green Day, that the Community Garden received good use, monthly “garden talks” with the Master Gardeners are being provided and that plastic bags will be collected on 9/19 and 9/20.

HLWOC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that a Public Forum event will be held on 11/10 in Council Chambers at 7:00 in an effort to gain additional information on what Town residents would like to see improved regarding Hammonton Lake and Hammonton Lake Park and that the Town is on schedule to perform a herbicide application to treat Hammonton Lake for Bladderwart. It is hoped that a printed survey will be available at Green Day.

Bicycle Advisory Committee- It was reported that the bike path plan design is underway and that construction should occur in 2016.

Old Business:

1. **2015 Work Items:** The Commission discussed the status of the Community Forestry Management Plan. Reitmeyer reported that Jerry Barberio has asked to make to provide a report at the October meeting.

New Business:

1. **Green Day Planning:** The Commission discussed planning for Green Day including supplies and table coverage. Reitmeyer will locate pollinator habitat seed packages for use as give-a-ways as well as appropriate literature.
2. **Tree Risk Assessment Training:** Reitmeyer will communicate with arborist Mickey Riggins to facilitate a training session prior to the end of October. Training expected to begin around 4:30 and end around 6:30.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **Hammonton Fire Dept. #1 at #108 Front Street** – Application for the removal of three trees due to interference with proposed expansion. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the August meeting.
2. **Ray Effinger at #22 S. Monroe Ave.** – Application for the removal of 1 non-street tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the June meeting.
3. **Arlene Calletta at #330 Chestnut St.** – Application for the removal of 2 non-street trees. Motion to Approve / Deny, made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Sedia. All in Favor. Motion Approved.
4. **Paul Zimmerli at #516 Central Ave.** – Application for the removal of one non-street tree. Motion to Approve / Deny, made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Matro. All in Favor. Motion Approved.
5. **St. Joseph Convent at #219 N. Third St.** – Application for the removal of one street tree. Motion to Approve / Deny, made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Matro. All in Favor. Motion Approved.
6. **Amy Menzel at #408 12th St.** – Application for the removal of three street trees. Motion to Approve / Deny, made by Commissioner Sedia, Seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in Favor. Motion Approved. Commissioner Menzel recused herself from discussion.
7. **St. Joseph's H.S. at #328 Vine St.**- Application for the trimming of 13 street trees. Motion to Approve / Deny, made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Sedia. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton