

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

March 9, 2016

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
Steven Carr
Ryan Mayer

Members Absent:

Dr. Kathy Sedia

Others Present:

Jerry Barberio, Town of Hammonton Business Administrator
Councilman Joseph Giraldo

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 2016 meeting, as amended, made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, seconded by Commissioner Matro. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- Commissioner Hozik reported that no meeting has taken place since the last Commission meeting

Town Council- Councilman Giraldo indicated that there was nothing to report on at this time

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that all fields are being prepared for Spring use and activities, that the bathrooms at Hammonton Lake Park are expected to be completed in March and that the Kiwanis Club will hold a July 4th event at HLP that will include fireworks.

GEHRC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that John Keenan of the Hammonton Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee has volunteered to be the Hammonton representative to this council pending approval by the Mayor.

Zoning Board- Commissioner Matro reported that no meeting has been held.

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported an Eye Opening series event will be held tomorrow, that the Community Garden is underway and that the Lake Park Cleanup is being promoted.

HLWOC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that trout stocking will occur in the spring, bladderwort herbicide treatment is moving ahead as planned, that the Committee expects to revise the Hammonton Lake Management Plan and that the purchase and placement of Pet Stations is being pursued.

Bicycle Advisory Committee- Commissioner Carr reported that the remaining bike racks have been delivered.

Old Business:

1. **2016 Hammonton Lake Park Cleanup:** Commissioner Reitmeyer provided a final review of preparation for the cleanup. Good weather and a good turnout is anticipated

New Business:

1. **Community Forestry Management Plan:** J. Barberio discussed various options to move ahead with a CFMP that will direct Town actions from 2016-2020. Barberio is currently reviewing proposals for the next CFMP. Also, the Town may provide the plan itself. It was requested that all Commissioners review the existing CFMP to determine what items should be included in the new document. Additionally, Barberio noted that he is looking for Commission input on submitting a CSIP grant. After reviewing and discussing various options it was decided that the Town residents and taxpayers would best be served by applying for a Hazard Mitigation grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. This type of grant would provide funds for the removal of hazardous street trees. On a motion of approval by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso and seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in favor

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **Jerry Barberio at #136 Lakeshore Drive** – Application for the removal of 1 Street Tree. Approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the March meeting.
2. **Tom Pietrofitta at #651 Bellevue Avenue** – Application for the removal of one tree. Removed prior to approval and has been referred for enforcement.
3. **Anthony Argiropoulos at #593 Central Ave.** – Application for the Removal of one non-street tree. Motion to Approve / Deny, made by Commissioner Matro, Seconded by Commissioner Donio. Motion Approved.
4. **Natale Cortellessa at #420 French Street** – Application for the Removal of one non-street tree. Motion to Approve / Deny, made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, Seconded by Commissioner Hozik. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Other New Business:

1. J. Barberio mentioned that there is an unmarked specimen tree (Hickory) located on the Burger King property.
2. Commissioner Reitmeyer discussed submitting a proposal for the 2016 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant that would be similar to what was submitted, but not awarded, in 2015.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton