

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Proposed Agenda **Wednesday, July 9, 2019**

Call to Order, 7.05 PM

Present: Bachalis, Carr, Donio, Matro, Menzel, Murphy

Excused: Caruso-Cafiso, Crowley, Hozik, Councilwoman Sacco

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of June 2019 Minutes

Motion to approve: Matro; second: Menzel; approved by acclamation

Correspondence

1. Pinelands Commission, re: Salvatore/Purcell
2. Pinelands Commission, re: Restuccio

Dispense with Regular Order of Business

Motion: Menzel; second: Matro, approved by acclamation

Plan Review: Proposed Major Subdivision, 1100 Bel Air Properties, LLC, 219 Lincoln Avenue

1. Bachalis recuses.
2. No variances required
3. Donio raises issue of bamboo on property, extending to neighbor's property. Applicant principal notes he has been served with a notice from the Town to have the bamboo removed, which he is willing to do, as long as neighbor allows access.
4. Murphy notes omission of single-dwelling gutter tie-in to trenches. Plans will be revised to reflect tie-in.
5. Motion to approve: Menzel; second: Murphy; Approved 5-0 (1 recusal)
6. Bachalis will send letter to Land Use Board.

Committee Reports

Town Council – Councilwoman Sacco – No report

Land Use Board – Commissioner Hozik – No report

Parks and Recreation Commission – Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso – No report

Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee – Commissioner Bachalis – Brief meeting, focused on 10 immediate actions to move Work Plan items along, including a Citizen Science effort to solicit input about species' sightings around town.

Green Committee – Commissioner Menzel – Community Garden work days planned, planning Green Day Festival (Saturday, September 21), National Night Out (August 9), Green Drinks (Annata Wine Bar, July 19, 7 PM), Eye-Opening Film Series (date TBD in August)

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Commissioner Murphy – Kick-off meeting for \$502,000 Safe Routes to School grant from NJDOT scheduled for July 18.

Greater Egg Harbor River Council – Commissioner Bachalis – No report

Old Business – Work Plan Updates

EIS – Commissioner Bachalis – Inquired about status of recommended amendments, status unknown. Bachalis will follow up with mayor and Council Liaison.

NRI – Commissioner Bachalis – Met with ARH to review Scope of Work, which is deemed doable.

Pollinator Garden – Commissioner Bachalis – Commissioners Menzel and Bachalis will meet to review steps needed to complete the project.

CFMP – Commissioner Crowley – No report

Public Communication

E-Presence – Commissioner Bachalis notes Lake Committee Facebook increased Followers from 70+ to 129, urges Commissioners to solicit friends and family to “Like” the EC page, and to ask them to spread the word.

Press – Commissioner Bachalis – No report

H.O.P.E. – Commissioner Bachalis – No report

Tree Bank – Commissioner Menzel – Commissioners Bachalis and Menzel will meet to review steps needed to complete the project, now that Grant Agreement has been received by Town.

Plastic Bag Campaign – Commissioner Bachalis – Design of public education structure still in process. Need development of materials (fact sheets, etc.).

Grants – Open – See above

Training – Commissioner Bachalis – Mickey Riggin will conduct a session on identifying hazardous trees on Thursday, July 25, from 5 PM to 8 PM.

Tree Protection – Commissioner Bachalis – No response still from Mayor, Council, and Solicitor despite email request for response. Bachalis will follow up with all parties.

Planting Strips – Commissioners Donio & Hozik – No report

Master Plan Green Building Element – Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso – No report

Tree Removal Applications

1. Michael Sweeney, 434 Grape Street. 1 tree for removal, 1 replacement
 - a. Tree not flagged as required.
 - b. Bachalis notes (with photos) that tree does not really seem to block front walk as claimed by applicant, although it could use some gentle trimming.
 - c. Motion to table: Donio; second: Matro; approved 6-0
2. Ildelfonso Guevara, 344 Boyer Avenue. 2 trees for removal, no replacements
 - a. Discussion re: whether tree really represents a hazard. Photos.
 - b. Noted applicant indicated no reason for removal on application.
 - c. Motion to deny: Menzel; second: Murphy; Motion approved 5-1
3. William Parkhurst, 890 Central Avenue. 3 trees for removal, no replacements
 - a. All three trees are dead (photos)
 - b. Motion to approve: Donio; second: Menzel; Approved 6-0

New Business:

1. **Review of proposed Subdivision/Site Plan, 110 Bel Air Properties, LLC: 219 Lincoln Avenue:** Taken during Dispense, as above.

Adjournment 8:45 PM