

# Hammonton Environmental Commission

## Proposed Agenda

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

### Call to Order – 7:05pm

Present:	Dan Bachalis	Steven Carr
	Terri Caruso-Cafiso	Angela Donio
	Michael Hozik, PhD	Amy Menzel
	Charles Crowley	
Excused:	Marty Matro	Alicia Murphy

### Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of April 2019 Minutes – Minutes unavailable, action deferred until June meeting.

Correspondence – Letter received from County Executive Denny Levinson, explaining reason for denial of open space funding request (lack of matching funds, which is a pre-requisite).

Dispense with Regular Order of Business – Motion: Carr; Second: Caruso-Cafiso: Approved by acclamation.

### Tree Removal Application

Kathryn Velardi, 633 Peach Street. One tree, no replacement. Ms. Velardi presented an application for removal of a large tree between her property and her neighbor's. Tree is infested with carpenter ants. Motion to approve: Hozik; Second: Caruso-Cafiso; Approved: 7-0.

Return to Regular Order of Business – Motion: Caruso-Cafiso; Second: Hozik; Approved by acclamation

### Committee Reports

Town Council – Councilwoman Sacco: Councilwoman Sacco being absent, Commissioner Bachalis read her report: At the April 29th council meeting, Council voted to approve to split Public Works Manager and Business Administrator that Jerry Barberio held: Bob Vettese approved as Public Works Manager, covering water & sewer, roads, buildings and grounds, parks and construction, and Frank Zuber will take over as BA, covering everything in Town Hall with the exception of construction. He will maintain his position as Accountant and Town Clerk as well. Washington Street repaving project is underway. A Temporary Capital Budget was created for the following projects: Purchase of Police Pro-Phoenix and 911 System, Purchase of Police F150 Pickup and three 4-Wheel Drive Vehicles, 2019 Road Program, Airport Hangar Fire Suppression System; Water/Sewer Utility Capital Fund: Painting of Water Tank on Lincoln Street. Council approved the first reading of an ordinance making Woodman Ave going east from 12th Street to Passmore, parking allowed on the right side only. The Historical Society of Hammonton will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, May 19 from 12 to 3. The building will also be open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 from 10am to noon during the annual Memorial Day Parade and service, hosted by the Tri Vets of Hammonton.

Land Use Board – Commissioner Hozik: Board approved two resolutions related to prior decisions and agreed to a postponement of AtlantiCare’s request to change their Emergency Department sign.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Commissioner Cafiso: No report, minutes unavailable.

Hammonton Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee – Commissioner Bachalis: Committee corrected dates of Lake spraying, halted 2019 permit application.

Green Committee – Commissioner Menzel: Community Garden open, 10 plots available; Garden Talks are scheduled for June 11 and July 11; Rutgers and PPA will be assisting Hammonton Schools to install rain gardens on May 29; volunteers are solicited, please RSVP to the Green Committee; June 1 the Committee will assist the American red Cross in their Home Fires Campaign, conducting advance door-to-door canvassing, volunteers solicited; Committee participated in the May 4 Downtown Planting and Cleanup, Third Thursday, and Shop-Rite’s Earth Day events; Committee continues to work on the Town’s Sustainable jersey re-certification and Green Day planning; A Green Drinks event is scheduled for July 19, location to be announced; National Night Out is scheduled for August 9; Committee is working on another Eye-Opening Film and Lecture Series installment for August.

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Commissioner Murphy – Kickstand Crew will hold a wine tour on May 18.

Greater Egg Harbor River Council – Commissioner Bachalis: No report

#### Old Business – Work Plan Updates

EIS – Commissioner Hozik: Commissioner Hozik requests Council to provide update on the referral of the EIS revisions.

NRI – Commissioners Bachalis: Bachalis met with ARH to review the scope of work; ARH will draw up their formal proposal for Council.

Pollinator Garden – Commissioner Bachalis: there will be a work day at the site this Saturday and possibly Sunday; other dates to be announced.

CFMP – Commissioner Crowley: copies available; discussion of Egg Harbor City Tree Summit.

#### Public Communication

E-Presence – Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso: Facebook still getting interest.

Press – Commissioner Bachalis: No report.

H.O.P.E. – Commissioner Bachalis: Noted EC efforts for Sustainable Jersey recertification.

Tree Bank – Commissioner Menzel: with appointment of Bob Vettese, Commissioner Menzel will contact him to discuss next steps.

Plastic Bag Campaign – Commissioner Bachalis: Noted ‘SUP meeting prior to this EC meeting: sculptor/artist Charles Branigan will provide concept sketches and materials list for plastics exhibit.

#### Grants - Open

Training – Commissioner Bachalis: Commission agreed to ask Mr. Riggin for a June 13 session, from 5pm-8pm. NJ Shade Tree Federation conference is October 24-25 in Atlantic City.

Tree Protection – Commissioner Bachalis: Draft of letter to area tree services sent to Council liaison and Solicitor for review and comment.

Solar Facilities – Commissioners Hozik: Commissioner Hozik requests status update from Council.

Planting Strips – Commissioners Donio & Hozik: select planting strips surveyed, wide variation in widths from street to street; will be reviewing ordinance for revisions.

Master Plan Green Building Element – Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso: Commissioners Caruso-Cafiso and Bachalis met to review materials from ANJEC and Sustainable Jersey and other municipalities. Will develop grant application for consultant to guide the Town through development process.

Tree Removal Applications

1. Pat Siligato, 161 Broadway. Two trees, no replanting. Findings: one tree leaning on other, toward neighbor's house. Motion to approve: Hozik; Second: Donio; Approved 7-0.

New Business:

1. Review of EHC Tree Summit: Commissioners attending (Bachalis, Crowley, Donio, and Menzel) felt session worthwhile, potential for replication in Hammonton. Noted variety of issues at play in EHC.

Adjournment: 9:30pm