

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m.

Present: Bachalis, Bethmann, Cafiso, Carr, Crowley, Menzel

Absent: Campos, Hozik, Matro

Town Council Liaison:

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Donald Yamasaki

Guests: Paula Koiro

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of June Minutes: Motion to Approve: Menzel; Second: Carr. Approved by 5-0, Cafiso abstained.

Committee Reports

- Town Council – No report.
- Land Use Board – No report.
- Lake Water – Bachalis; Committee met on 8/8. There were a number of members of the public present to speak on their concerns about the condition of the lake.
- Great Egg Harbor River Council – No report
- Green Committee – Menzel; The community garden is going well although there are still some issues with theft of crops at the garden. The committee is talking about scheduling some garden talks for the fall. There have been some small community clean-up this summer. The committee is still looking for a low cost shed for the community garden. This year they did not apply for recertification for Sustainable Jersey.
- Bike Advisory – No report.
- Parks & Recreation – Cafiso. The Town has hired a grounds keeper. There were a number of use of facility applications approved. The tennis/pickleball courts are complete and ready to open.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. Frank Vaccarella, 721 Moss Mill Road, 1 tree. Motion to approve: Cafiso; Second: Crowley. Approved by acclamation.
2. Frank Ingemi, 524 13th Street, 1 tree. Motion to approve: Carr; Second: Cafiso. Approved by acclamation.
3. Dunia Quezada, 843 14th Street, 1 tree. Motion to approve: Crowley; Second: Carr. Approved by acclamation.

Old Business

1. Pollinator garden – scheduled to meet on 8/23 at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall 3rd floor conference room.
2. Open Space plan – scheduled to meet on 8/30 on the Town Hall 3rd floor conference room.

3. Tree planting planning – Commission members met with Scott Rivera on 7/28 to inspect the trees in the tree bank. Scott Rivera had suggested 6 areas around town to plant the trees.
4. Tree ordinance revision work group – scheduled to meet on 9/20 in the Town Hall 3rd floor conference room.
5. CSIP grant – “final” inspection August 4th.

New Business

1. The green day festival will be held on 11/4 from 12-4. Location TBD.

Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.