

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Niedoba

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Donald Yamasaki

Guests: Michael Weisberg, West End Development Partner; Brian Peterman, Engineer with Peterman Maxi Associates, Mike LaMana, Arborist/Forrester

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of November Minutes: Motion to Approve: Bethmann; Second: Crowley.
Approved by acclamation.

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

Presentation of Site Plan Review for the West End Development – Mr. Weisberg, Mr. Peterman and Mr. LaMana gave a presentation on the proposed plan for 60 townhomes o to be built on West End Avenue.

Motion to Return to Regular Order of Business: Motion: Cafiso; Second: Bethmann.
Approved by acclamation.

Committee Reports

- Town Council – No report.
- Land Use Board – Hozik; at the last meeting the board reviewed and approved Harbor Freight.
- Lake Water – Bachalis; There are no updates on how long the lake level will stay lowered. The lakeside homeowners would like to have it raised before Christmas.
- Great Egg Harbor River Council – No report
- Green Committee – Menzel; The committee has several garden talks scheduled. There will be one on houseplants held on 1/10/24 and another on pepper seeds to be held on 2/10/24. There were pumpkins delivered to the community garden to be used for composting.
- Bike Advisory – No report.
- Parks & Recreation – No report.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. Hometown Heritage LLC, 642 Bellevue Ave., one tree, 18 replacements. Motion to deny: Bethmann; Second: Hozik. Denied by acclamation.
2. Robert J. Martin. Jr., 781 Bellevue Ave., 5 trees, no replacements. Motion to approve: Bethmann; Second: Cafiso. Approved by acclamation.

3. Bates Mill Partners LLC (Duke Bates), 410 S. Liberty St., 1 tree, no replacement. Prior approval by Chair.
4. Bates Mill Partners LLC, (Duke Bates), 799 Bellevue Ave., 1 tree, no replacement. Prior approval by Chair.

Old Business

New Business

1. Chairman Bachalis passed out a list of possible 2024 action items.

Adjournment: 8:41 p.m.