

# **Hammonton Environmental Commission**

## **Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent: Crowley, Menzel, Niedoba

Town Council:

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Kristin Guglietti

Guests: Albert Bigott & Brittany Boone

### Pledge of Allegiance

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

### Tree Removal Applications:

1. Albert Bigott & Brittany Boone, 17 Arena Ct., 15 trees. Motion to approve: Cafiso; Second: Berenato. Approved by acclamation.

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

Motion to approve November minutes: Motion: Berenato; Second: Bethmann. Approved 5-0; Cafiso abstained.

### Correspondence:

1. ANJEC dues for next year are due in January.
2. A thank you note from the Oak Grove Cemetery for the donation of the Salem Oak was received.

### Committee Reports

- Town Council – Rodio; No report.
- Land Use Board – Hozik; No meeting.
- Green Committee – Menzel; No report.
- Parks & Recreation – Cafiso; All the parks are in good shape. The lake is good, and they hope to spray again in July.

### Tree Removal Applications:

2. Christopher Spera, 342 Pleasant St. E, 1 tree. Motion to approve: Bethmann; Second: Cafiso. Approved by acclamation.
3. Predrae Jevtic, 400 12<sup>th</sup> St., 1 tree. Motion to approve: Bethmann; Second: Berenato, approved by acclamation.

#### Old Business

1. There has been no news on the status of the tree ordinance.
2. GB/ES MP element, ARH has stated that there are some policy issues with an entity outside of the town.
3. Commissioner Bethmann noticed several issues with trees in Veteran's Park. Some of the trees have too much mulch around the base which can kill the tree. He suggested having Mickey Riggins come in and review the park trees.

#### New Business

1. The date for the 2025 Community Clean-up is Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.
2. The 2025 draft of goals was distributed for discussion in January.

Adjournment: 7:33 p.m.