

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Call to Order: 7:09 p.m.

Present: Menzel, Bethmann, Carr, Berenato, Bachalis

Absent: Niedoba, Crowley, Hozik, Cafiso

Town Council: Rodio

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Donald Yamasaki

Guests: Matt Gerwein, Atlantic City Electric

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Approve the June Minutes: Motion: Berenato; Second: Carr. Approved 4-0, Bachalis abstained.

Correspondence:

- All lights for the West End project are 300K and they have data on the lighting spread.

Committee Reports

- Town Council – No report.
- Land Use Board – No report.
- Green Committee – Menzel; The garden is doing well, and some volunteers painted the shed. Some produce has been donated. The next garden talk will be held on 7/16. The first community market went well, and the next one is scheduled for 7/26. They are working on the Sustainable Jersey recertification.
- Parks & Recreation – No report.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. Atlantic City Electric, 141 E. 15th St. Motion to approve: Bethmann; Second: Berenato. Approved by acclamation.
2. Michael Sweeney, 35 Allen Lane. Motion to approve: Berenato; Second: Carr. Approved by acclamation.

2024 Actions

1. Tree protection ordinance update: Another new addition on the new revisions was received from Solicitor Malinsky. This new addition continues to remove the commission from jurisdiction of most trees. It appears that there is an incorrect citation in Chapter 6. Councilperson Rodio suggests proposing she and Dan sit down with Solicitor Malinsky, Councilman Furgione and Councilman Oliva to go over this and would like to invite them to the next meeting.

Adjournment: 7:49 p.m.