

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

October 8, 2014

Chairman Reitmeyer opened the meeting at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Robert Reitmeyer, Chairman
 Terri Caruso-Cafiso, Vice-Chair
 Angela Donio
 Dr. Michael Hozik
 Dr. Kathy Sedia
 Chris Jage
 Amy Menzel
 Steven Carr

Members Absent:

Marty Matro

Others Present:

Councilman Dan Bachalis
 Paul Macrie, Hammonton Gazette
 Jody Carrara, ANJEC
 Jaclyn Rhoads, Pinelands Preservation Alliance
 Cheryl Reardon, ANJEC

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 2014 meeting made by Commissioner Donio, seconded by Commissioner Sedia. All in favor. Abstained: Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso. Motion carried.

Motion to alter the order of business made by Commissioner Sedia, seconded by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. ANJEC & PPA Presentation: The Commission was given a detailed presentation by ANJEC and the PPA on the report "Effects of Land Development on Water Resources of the Pinelands Region, and Growth Water Wise". These entities have received grant funding from William Penn Foundation for a related project. They are seeking ways that they can assist the Town of Hammonton in its efforts to lower water usage in the municipality through conservation. It was expressed that ANJEC's primary role will be through education and targeted outreach to the largest water users. Other options discussed were mailings, community workshops and "lunch & learns" provided to area business associations.

Motion to resume the regular order of business made by Commissioner Sedia, seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- No Report

Town Council- Councilman Bachalis reported that the overland drip irrigation project is expected to complete by the end of October, that a public meeting concerning the St. Martin de Porres Green Acres Application was held and that the 1st reading of a Bond Ordinance for an Hammonton Airport safety project was completed.

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that a “Use of Facilities” fee is being finalized, but that less use by non-town entities is occurring. Also, the bathroom repairs have been finalized.

GEHRC- No Report

Zoning Board- No Report

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel thanked the Commission for participating in Green Day. Menzel also reported that Oct. 11th is the HallowGreen event and that a meeting will be held on Nov. 10th to discuss a community garden.

HLWOC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the Town’s lake lowering permit for Hammonton Lake was approved with a maximum 3’ drawdown and that bids are being solicited for a 2015 bladderwort treatment.

Old Business:

1. **2014 Budget Items:** The Commission discussed various options to appropriately spend the remainder of the Commission’s operating budget. More discussion will occur at the November meeting.

New Business: Handled Previously

Tree Removal Permits:

1. Geoffrey Gollihur at #277 S. 1st Road– Application for the removal of one tree. Approved by T. Caruso-Cafiso prior to the August meeting.
2. Steven Hartzell at #770 Virginia Avenue- Application for the removal of 1 tree, with 1 tree to be planted. Approved by R. Reitmeyer prior to the August meeting.

Other New Business:

1. Commissioner Donio thanked Commissioner Menzel nominating “Down Town Hammonton for recognition as a “Great Place”.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton