

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

January 14, 2014

Councilman Pullia 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
Marty Matro
Dr. Kathy Sedia
Chris Jage
Amy Menzel (Non-Voting)
Steven Carr (Non-Voting)

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Paul Macrie – Hammonton Gazette
Councilman Pullia
Councilman Furgione
William Harrison, Esq.

Commission Reorganization:

Motion to appoint Commissioner Reitmeyer as Environmental Commission Chairman was made by Commissioner Hozik, seconded by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso as Environmental Commission Vice Chairperson was made by Commissioner Hozik, seconded by Commissioner Donio. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 2014 meeting made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, seconded by Commissioner Hozik. All in favor. Commissioners Jage and Sedia Abstained. Motion carried.

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

New Business:

Presentation for Tuckahoe Turf Farms, Inc. The Commission heard a presentation by the owners and the attorney representing Tuckahoe Turf Farms. The presentation was required by the Hammonton Planning Board as a condition of their approval. An overview of the activities on the parcel was provided by the representatives. Items of concern were raised by the Commission and addressed by the representatives for Tuckahoe Turf Farms Inc. Commissioner Jage questioned whether the ongoing activities constitute a violation of the Pinelands Development Credit regulations. It was also discussed that the Pinelands Commission has not determined the final status of the land use.

At the culmination of the presentation a motion to recommend that the Planning Board grant a waiver for an Environmental Impact Statement or Modified E.I.S. was made by Commissioner Hozik and seconded by Commissioner Sedia. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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

Correspondence:

The following correspondence was received from the Pinelands Commission:

1. Dae H Yun & Ok Young Lee: Application #2001-0326.001

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- Commissioner Hozik reported that the Reorganization meeting was held and that discussion took place on Tuckerton Turf Farms, Inc.

Town Council- Councilmen Pullia and Furgione reported that the Town's Reorganization meeting was held. Councilman Pullia has been assigned as the Council representative to the Commission. Councilman Furgione may attend as well.

Parks & Recreation- Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso reported that preparations are being made for the Little League World Series, the Kiwanis Club is helping with improvements to Hammonton Lake Park and that additional improvements are pending for the Municipal Dog Park.

GEHRC- Commissioner Jage reported that a meeting was held and that funding for the commission has been secured.

Zoning Board- No Report

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported on a meeting with ANJEC and the PPA regarding the ongoing water conservation grant, the upcoming "eye opening event" on 2/10, the upcoming adopt-a-road cleanup on 2/7 and on the Sustainable Jersey activity.

HLWQC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the Committee will be requesting that funding for an herbicide treatment for the bladderwort infestation of Hammonton Lake be placed in the budget, that the lake lowering is proceeding and on the 7th Annual Lake Park Cleanup

Old Business:

1. **2015 Work Plan:** The Commission discussed various items in the work plan and assigned Commissioners to them. Commissioner Jage will be working on an inventory conservation easements within the Town. Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso will be maintaining the Facebook page. Other items discussed was the Town webpage content and the potential to control offroad vehicle damage.

New Business:

1. **Presentation for Tuckahoe Turf Farms, Inc.** - See above
2. **2015 Hammonton Lake Park Cleanup:** The Commission discussed potential dates for the cleanup. The 7th Annual Hammonton Lake Park Cleanup will be held on Saturday February 28th. Commissioner Reitmeyer will confirm the date with ACUA and update the necessary documents to advertise the event and solicit volunteers.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **Patricia Boughton at #311 12th Street** – Application for the removal of one tree. Reason stated as “Tree is within 15’ of the House foundation and is lifting cement and causing foundation problems”. Motion to Approve the application made by Commissioner Sedia, seconded by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso. All in favor, motion carried.
2. **Ginny Hiltwine at #503 Bellevue** – Application for the removal of one street tree due to health of tree. Application was approved by Chairman Reitmeyer prior to the January meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton