

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Environmental Commission
Minutes

March 11, 2015

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
 Chris Jage
 Amy Menzel
 Steven Carr

Members Absent:

Dr. Kathy Sedia
 Marty Matro

Others Present:

Councilman Steve Furgione
 Paul Macrie – Hammonton Gazette

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 2015 meeting made by Commissioner Donio, seconded by Commissioner Jage. All In favor. Abstained: Commissioners Reitmeyer, Caruso-Cafiso, Carr, Menzel. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Board- Commissioner Hozik reported that the recent settlement with Wawa was discussed and that resolutions from previous meetings were approved.

Town Council- Councilman Furgione reported that a major project to remediate a plume of groundwater contamination under Lincoln Street is being planned for. The remediation will be paid for by South Jersey Industries and is likely to begin in 2016.

Parks & Recreation- No Report

GEHRC- No Report

Zoning Board- No Report

Green Committee- Commissioner Menzel reported on the upcoming events and initiatives including the Adopt a Road Cleanup, Green Drinks, Atlanticare Grant and the proposed Community Garden.

HLWOC- Commissioner Reitmeyer reported that the Committee discussed Towns plan to provide bladderwort treatment in 2016 using Town personnel and clean flo maintenance also with Town personnel. Finalized Mission Statement and discussed cleanup.

Old Business:

1. **7th Annual Hammonton Lake Park Cleanup** : Reitmeyer reported that the cleanup has had to be postponed due to snow events, but is expected to take place this coming Saturday, March 14th. All previous planning remains the same and all Commissioners were asked to keep soliciting for volunteers.

New Business:

1. **2015 ANJEC Open Space Grant**: Various potential proposals were discussed. Reitmeyer requested that Councilman Furgione bring up for Council approval a motion to authorize the Commission proposal once finalized. Reitmeyer will finalize the proposal in coordination with Councilman Furgione, Administrator Jerry Barberio, Amy Menzel and Dan Bachalis.
2. **2015 Arbor Day Celebration**: Reitmeyer reported that he is waiting to hear back from arborist Mickey Riggins on availability for school presentation. Also discussed was purchasing tree tubelings as per previous years through the State Forest Nursery. Motion to purchase 392 tubelings for a cost of \$100.00 by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso, seconded by Commissioner Menzel. All in favor, Motion approved.

Tree Removal Applications:

1. **Ricca Residence at #433 N. Egg Harbor Road** – Application for the removal of 4 non street trees. . Motion to Approve, made by Commissioner Donio, Seconded by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso.

Other New Business:

1. Commissioner Jage reported that the Pinelands Preservation Alliance is requesting a letter of support from the Commission regarding the use of all-terrain vehicles on State lands. A Motion to provide this Letter of Support was made by Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso and seconded by Commissioner Hozik. All in Favor. Motion Approved. Commissioner Jage recused himself.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

Environmental Commission, Town of Hammonton