TOWN OF HAMMONTON Hammonton Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

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

Members Present: Members Absent:

Robert Reitmeyer, Chairman

Paul Galletta, Vice Chaiman

John Fortis

Dr. Tait Chirenje

John Keenan

Bill Parkhurst

Robert Roesch

Dan Bachalis

Steve Mortelliti

Jen Mayer

Others Present:

Steven Furgione – Council Representative

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 2015 meeting made by P. Galletta, seconded by R. Roesch. All In favor.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Town Council: Councilman Furgione reported that that all boards have been replaced in the Hammonton Lake dam and that Town employees will begin maintenance of the Clean Flo system. Regarding the Bladderwort, a Town employee will be trained to apply the herbicide. This will allow for an application in 2016 and will significantly reduce the Town's cost. Also, Hammonton PD will monitor for drinking in the Smithville Tract.

Parks & Recreation Commission: No Report

Environmental Commission: R. Reitmeyer reported that the Commission will meet tomorrow night, but is working to finalize its preparations for the Lake Park Cleanup and planning for future events like Arbor Day. The Commission is also putting together an application for the 2015 ANJEC Open Space grant.

Old Business:

- 1. 7th Annual Lake Park Cleanup: The Committee discussed final preparations for the upcoming event. It was recommended that additional flyers be placed and contact made with potential volunteer organizations.
- **2.** <u>Mission Statement:</u> The Committee discussed the previously circulated draft copy of the Mission Statement. The revised version is as follows:

The Mission of the Hammonton Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee is:

- To promote the natural processes that support the flora and fauna that live in, or by, the Hammonton Lake.
- To highlight the importance of our lake to the community's quality of life by raising public awareness about opportunities for recreation and relaxation by the lake.
- To preserve, protect, enhance and enlighten residents of our hidden treasure!

New Business:

1. <u>2015 Items:</u> It is expected that a Town intern will again be available to take water samples from Hammonton Lake for testing. Funding sources are being reviewed.

Other New Business:

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer
HLWQAC, Town of Hammonton