

TOWN OF HAMMONTON
Hammonton Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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

Members Present:

Robert Reitmeyer, Chairman
John Keenan, Vice Chair
John Fortis
Steve Mortellite
John Scianni
Bill Parkhurst
Robert Roesch
Paul Galletta

Members Absent:

Dr. Tait Chirenji
Otto Hernandez

Others Present:

Jerry Barberio, Town of Hammonton Administrator
John Rizzotte - Public

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 2016 meeting, made by J. Fortis, seconded by P. Galletta. All In favor. J. Keenan abstained. Motion Approved.

Correspondence:

Public Comment:

Resident John Rizzotte discussed his observation of high water levels in Hammonton Lake and Fowlers Creek.

Committee Reports:

Town Council: No Report

Parks & Recreation Commission: No Report

Environmental Commission: R. Reitmeyer reported that the Commission discussed planning for the 2016 Lake Park Cleanup, that a good presentation was made by NJ Future regarding green infrastructure, that the presentation by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance indicated a large drop in residential water usage in the past 3 years and that the Commission would begin a revision to the Community Forestry Management Plan.

Old Business:

- 1. Bladderwort Herbicide Application Update:** J. Barberio reported that the Town is preparing for the spraying to occur in as much as two applications beginning in mid April and ending in June. Barberio also indicated that trout stocking by the State of New Jersey would occur as scheduled.
- 2. 2016 Hammonton Lake Park Cleanup:** The Committee finalized planning for the Saturday March 19th event. All members were asked to gather volunteers and be present if possible. A good turnout is anticipated.
- 3. Clean Flo:** B. Parkhurst provided information regarding the claims of the Clean-Flo representative. No action was taken regarding turning on the units.

New Business:

- 1. Committee Ordinance and Goals:** The Committee reviewed the ordinance and the 2016 Work Plan. J. Fortis was approved to lead the effort to reduce pet waste pollution. J. Keenan was approved to lead effort to coordinate with NJ Future.
- 2. Hammonton Lake Management Plan Review:** The Committee discussed the necessary items to begin this process. It will first be necessary for Mayor and Council to approve the use of Town funds to have the Town Engineer (ARH) work on this. Reitmeyer will make this request of Mayor and Council.
- 3. “Doggie Pot” Pet Stations:** J. Fortis provided information on stations that are already located around Hammonton Lake Park. It was discussed that additional pet stations, if funded should be placed at various locations within the Hammonton Lake watershed. Reitmeyer will discuss with the Environmental Commission the potential use of funds.

Other New Business:

- 1. J. Keenan** indicated he would be willing to serve as the Town’s representative to the Great Egg Harbor River Council if approved by Council

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reitmeyer

HLWQAC, Town of Hammonton