**TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

**Hammonton Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

**Members Present: Members Absent:**

Dan Bachalis, Chairman John Scianni

John Keenan, Vice Chair Paul Galletta

Bill Parkhurst Robert Roesch

Tino Catania Steve Mortellite

Michelle Lucca

Gordon Pherribo

**Others Present:**

Brooke Sacco, Council Representative

**Reorganization:**

A quorum not being present according to the enabling ordinance, Chairman Bachalis announced five (5) 2017 members were not re-appointed and a list of proposed new members submitted to Mayor DiDonato for consent of Council was not yet approved. New appointments and election of officers for 2018 was postponed until the February meeting. Acknowledging the lack of a quorum, Chairman Bachalis opened the meeting at 7:10 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance for unofficial discussion of business.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of the December 2017 meeting minutes will be addressed at the February meeting.

**Correspondence**:

None

**Committee Reports:**

**Town Council:** Brooke Sacco reported Council’s January meeting was its reorganization meeting and confirmed that new appointments to the Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee were not discussed at that meeting.

**Parks & Recreation Commission:** Tino Catania, the new Parks & Rec rep on the Lake Water Quality Committee, had not yet attended a Parks & Rec meeting. Therefore, there is no report.

**Environmental Commission**: No report.

**Great Egg Harbor River Council:**  No report.

**Old Business:**

**Lake Management Plan:**

* Chairman Bachalis submitted the amended Lake Management Plan to Jerry Barberio for final review and approval as per the November Parks & Rec Committee Resolution. Pending approval, Plan will be submitted to the Quality of Life Subcommittee for adoption by Mayor and Council at its January 22, 2018 meeting.

**New Business:**

**Meeting minutes:**

Bill Parkhurst volunteered to record and prepare minutes for Feb and March meetings due to Vice Chairman Keenan’s planned absence.

**2018 Work Plan:**

The 2017 Work Plan, reviewed with the following comments, will be updated as a 2018 Work Plan with new Committee Leads assigned.

1. Lake water quality testing – improve continuity of testing protocol, begin hiring process with Mayor and Council earlier in the year, consider stream sampling sites.
2. Lake Mgt Plan update – ensure adoption in 2018, add link to Plan on Town website, publicize adoption in Gazette as first quarter 2018 public communication.
3. Remediation techniques – explore others?
4. Pet waste – determine who is responsible for monitoring, refilling plastic bags.
5. Green infrastructure – continue working on rain garden at County Library site and promote rain garden grant program for private properties.
6. Monitor Fowler’s Creek wildlife – keep on list.
7. Public communications – change monthly press releases to quarterly.

**Town Website:**

Brooke Sacco suggested adding a new page for HLWQAC to the “About – what we do” page on the Town website including a list of members and link to the Lake Management Plan.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Keenan, Vice Chairman

HLWQAC, Town of Hammonton