

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Call to Order

Present: Bachalis, Carr, Caruso-Cafiso, Donio, Hozik, Matro, Menzel
Excused: Crowley, Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of April 2019 and May 2019 Minutes

Motion by Menzel with changes, second by Caruso-Cafiso, approved by acclamation, 1 abstention

Dispense with Regular Order of Business

Motion by Donio, second by Matro, approved by acclamation

Tree removal

1. Bettyanne Davis, 210 Line Street, 1 tree to be removed, 12 replanted. Motion to approve Carr, second Menzel, approved 7-0

Return to Regular Order

Motion Hozik, second Carr, approved by acclamation

Correspondence

1. Email, Land Use Board, June, 2019
2. Email, Steve Fiedler, Friends Along the Mullica, June 2019

Committee Reports

Town Council – Councilwoman Sacco

Land Use Board – Commissioner Hozik: Prior moth report amended to reflect AtlantiCare appeared for a change in their signage.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Commissioner Cafiso: Commission approved Mr. Softee coming to the Park, but to be limited to area near pavilion. Scott Rivera will be getting his herbicide applicator license.

Hammonton Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee – Commissioner Bachalis: Committee discussed feasibility of mechanical harvesting invasive aquatic plants.

Green Committee – Commissioner Menzel: Red Cross “Home Fires” campaign on June 1, Sustainable jersey recertification submitted June 2, Road clean-up on June 9, Community garden activities June 11 and 23, Green drinks at Annata July 19, Green Day festival September 21.

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Commissioner Bachalis: Town received \$400,000+ from NJDOT for Safe Routes To School infrastructure improvements to North, Fourth, and Walnut Streets.

Greater Egg Harbor River Council – Commissioner Bachalis: no report

Old Business – Work Plan Updates

EIS – Commissioner Hozik: no news, sent to Council months ago

NRI – Commissioner Bachalis: meeting with ARH to discuss scope of work

Pollinator Garden – Commissioner Bachalis: no news, need to regroup for progress

CFMP – Commissioner Crowley: no report

Public Communication

E-Presence – Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso: Facebook page doing well

Press – Commissioner Bachalis: no report
H.O.P.E. – Commissioner Bachalis: no report
Tree Bank – Commissioner Menzel: will meet with new Public Works Manager when he comes aboard
Plastic Bag Campaign – Commissioner Bachalis: SUP subcommittee met just prior to EC, still designing display sculpture
Grants – no report
Training – Commissioner Bachalis: Hazardous tree session with Arborist Mickey Riggins to be held July 25, from 5-8 PM
Tree Protection – Commissioner Bachalis: no word back from Mayor or Solicitor regarding revised tree protection enforcement letter
Solar Facilities – Commissioners Hozik: done, Council adopted revised solar ordinance
Planting Strips – Commissioners Donio & Hozik: no report
Master Plan Green Building Element – Commissioner Caruso-Cafiso: looking for grants

Tree Removal Applications

1. Leeann Lahard, 101 Bellevue Avenue. 1 tree to be removed, none replanted. Tabled, due to tree not being flagged. Motion Caruso-Cafiso, second Menzel, approved 7-0
2. Crescenzo, 317 Winding Way. 1 tree to be removed, no replacement. Tree is dead, Motion to approved Carr, second Menzel, unanimous

New Business: None

Adjournment