

A meeting of the Township of Hamilton Industrial Commission was held on the above date with Chairman Gordon Craig presiding. Other members present were Jack Carson, Carmen Fichetola, Rocco Policarpo and Charles Pritchard. Also present were Robert Sandman, Solicitor, and Aline Dix, Township Committee Liaison.

Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law was acknowledged.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Carson moved, seconded by Mr. Pritchard, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 2, 2013, as published. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH FOUR MEMBERS VOTING “AYE”, NO “NAY”, ONE “ABSTAIN”.

2014 Budget Request – The Commission discussed the budget for 2014, and Mr. Craig pointed out that there would need to be provision for payment of costs associated with the NJDEP issue. He referred to the recent notice received from NJDEP requesting payment of the site remediation LSRP annual fee, and expressed the opinion that it could cost the Commission between five thousand dollars and ten thousand dollars a year to deal with DEP.

Mr. Policarpo moved, seconded by Mr. Carson, to submit the 2014 budget request to Township Committee for the following: Advertising - \$2,000; Courses and Seminars - \$500; Dues and Memberships - \$1,200; Office Expenses: \$150; Park Maintenance: \$10,000; Professional Fees: \$15,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

Mr. Carson – Aye
Mr. Fichetola – Aye
Ms. Newman – Not present
Mr. Policarpo – Aye
Mr. Pritchard – Aye
Mr. Rhodes – Not present
Mr. Craig – Aye

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Carmen Fichetola Letter of Resignation – Mr. Craig acknowledged receipt of Carmen Fichetola’s letter of resignation, and thanked him for all that he had done during his thirty-five year tenure to make the Business Park what it is today.

Other Commission members and Mr. Sandman expressed their appreciation for what Mr. Fichetola had contributed throughout his tenure.

Buffer Bicycle Path – Mr. Pritchard advised that he had spoken to Joe Maher of the County Planning Division last week, and Mr. Maher had asked for a better description of what the Commission envisioned for the path within the Business Park buffer. He stated he would be contacting Phil Sartorio to assist in providing the information.

Mr. Craig stated that he had asked his daughter to develop a plan, and she asked for access to a digital map of the Township to assist her effort, so she could transpose a path onto the area of the buffer. Mr. Craig commented that there could then be benches and picnic tables placed along it. Mrs. Dix offered to look into getting the map, and Mr. Craig stated that he would measure what presently exists.

Mr. Sandman stated that he had spoken to Freeholder Collin Bell about the path and that he would continue the discussion with Mr. Bell.

Street Named After Robert RaVell – Mr. Fichetola suggested that the Commission request that Township Committee name one of the streets in the Business Park after former chairman, Robert RaVell, in recognition of all that he had done for the Business Park during his forty year tenure. A discussion took place as to what would be the best street, taking into consideration prominence and the number of properties affected by the name change. It was decided that a portion of Atlantic Avenue, from its intersection with Cantillon Boulevard to where it ends at Babcock Road would be a good choice.

Mr. Fichetola moved, seconded by Mr. Pritchard, to request that Township Committee change the name of the portion of Atlantic Avenue, from its intersection with Cantillon Boulevard, eastward to its terminus at Babcock Road, to RaVell Boulevard in honor of former Industrial Commission chairman, Robert RaVell, who served the Commission continuously for forty years.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION:

Mr. Carson – Aye
Mr. Fichetola – Aye
Ms. Newman – Not present
Mr. Policarpo – Aye
Mr. Pritchard – Aye
Mr. Rhodes – Not present
Mr. Craig – Aye

SAID MOTION CARRIED.

Close Business Portion of Meeting – Mr. Policarpo moved, second by Mr. Pritchard, to close the business portion of the meeting. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING “AYE”, NO “NAY”, NO “ABSTAIN”.

Public Comment – Mr. Craig opened the meeting to public comment.

Mrs. Dix asked questions and commented with regard to the LSRP involving the landfill and the Commission's property that was formerly under contract with Summit Associates.

A discussion ensued and it was felt that the LSRP for the landfill should also be the LSRP for the Commission. Mr. Sandman stated that he would like time to look into the situation and advise the Commission accordingly.

Mr. Carson moved, seconded by Mr. Pritchard to close the public portion of the meeting. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

County/Township Subdivision – Mr. Sandman reported that the Planning Board approved the minor subdivision creating a lot that would be conveyed to the Township from the County so the present recreation area at the Hess School could be relocated to accommodate future expansion. It is anticipated that closing would take place forty-five days after publication of the resolution.

Adjournment – Mr. Fichetola moved, seconded by Mr. Carson, to adjourn the meeting. SAID MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rainbow, Secretary