

**OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Minutes – Monday, November 3, 2014**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM at the Bayside Center.

**Roll Call** – The following members and guests were present:

Members:

Marjorie Brooks	Bob Adams	Sara Maas
Marty Mozzo	Jim Tweed	Ken Cooper
Donna Moore	Pete Ault	

Guest:

Randy Scheule  
Eric Sauder

**Open Public Meetings Announcement** – Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of October 21, 2014 meeting were introduced. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ken Cooper and seconded by Jim Tweed. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Pending Business**

- ANJEC Open Space and Recreation Plan
  - NJDEP sent back the Open Space and Recreation Plan with some recommendations to include.
  - Randy Scheule prepared amendments to the Plan. He presented these changes to the Environmental Commission. After Randy's presentation, the public was allowed to make comments. None were made. The Commission voted unanimously to include the admendments in the Plan.
  - The Plan will be sent back to the Planning Board for its November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to be voted upon to adopt the Plan as an element of the Master Plan.
- Review of Ordinance 14-34
  - Marty Mozzo discussed this ordinance. He stated that Councilman McClellan had tabled the ordinance at the last Council Meeting of September 25<sup>th</sup>. Council wanted the Environmental Commission to review what options were available instead of a sod and irrigation paving strip.
  - A sub committee had been formed to review what options are available. Committee members are Marjorie Brooks, Bob Adams and Marty Mozzo.
  - The sub committee made a presentation on what potential options should be submitted to council as an alternative to ordinance 13-34.
  - The Environmental Commission voted unanimously that a suitable alternative to sod in the curbstrips would be planting, preferably native, and mulch. The plants must be drought resistant; does not need irrigation; does not have thorns, barbs, nor are toxic; salt tolerant; and are non-invasive. Additionally the plants must be kept to a 12" height in accordance to the landscape ordinance currently in place.
  - The Commission felt that the curb strips should not include any hardscape material including pervious pavers.

- The Commission felt that links should be provided with non-profit organizations to allow searches for suitable plantings.
- The Commission voted 7-0 to forward this recommendation to Councilman Antwan McClellan.
- Fall activity planning
  - Clean Ocean Beach Sweep, October 25<sup>th</sup>. This event was be run by Ocean City DPW. Approximately 200 persons volunteered for the cleanup and significant amounts of garbage and recyclables were collected.
  - Beach Grass – Approximately 4,000 plants were planted. The grass was to be planted between 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> streets. The plants were actually planted between 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- Lecture Series
  - The Library has scheduled room N110 for the following dates in 2015: January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>. There was some concern that the room may be too small and not conducive for this event. The Maloney room can be used if available; however, there has to be sufficient number of attendees to justify this.
  - Donna presented a list of potential topics for the events: January – Marine Mammal Stranding Center; February -- Audubon Society; March – Seaside Planting; April – Wetlands Institute; May – Beach Plums with Alma and Ken Cooper. No topic was presented for June.
  - No speakers have been firmed up. The group understands that January will be upon us quickly, and this needs to be firmed up.
  - The Library and Laurie will coordinate advertising.
- Submitted Plan Review
  - No plans were reviewed at the meeting.

#### **New Business**

- 2015 Meeting Schedule.
  - 2015 is almost upon us. Current meeting schedule is for two meetings a month September through June with one in July and August. Meetings are currently the first and third Tuesday of the month.
  - The Commission was asked to consider whether or not we wish to continue with the dates as they are presently.

**Public Comment – None.**

**Meeting Adjourned Approximately 8:15 PM**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM at the Bayside Center.**