

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, January 6, 2015

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

Roll Call – The following members were present:

Members:

Marjorie Brooks	Pete Ault	Donna Moore
Marty Mozzo	Jim Tweed	Laurie Taylor (City Liason)

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

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of December 15, 2014 meeting were introduced. One change was introduced; the spelling for Peaches **Lukens** name was corrected. Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Jim Tweed and seconded by Marty Mozzo. The minutes as amended were unanimously approved.

Pending Business

- Lecture Series
 - The first lecture will be held January 15th in Room N116 of the library. The speaker will be Josh Nemeth and the title will be “Planting & Gardening by the Sea.”
 - February’s lecture will be on the 12th in the library Room N110. The speakers will be Pat & Clay Sutton and the title will be “Birds & Birding in Cape May County.”
 - Remaining lectures that are scheduled will be March 19th with the Marine Mammal Institute making the presentation; April 16th with the Wetlands Institute on turtles; May 21st tentative with Pat Sutton on Monarch butterflies; and June 11th with the Stockton Coastal Center on dune restoration.
 - All remaining lectures will be in the Library room N110.
 - Laurie presented a draft flyer that will be used for advertising. The Library also will be placing ads in the local newspapers as well as on their website.

- ANJEC 2015 Grants
 - The Commission discussed the two potential topics for getting a grant, (1) by Marjorie Brooks for native plantings at the Bayside Center; and (2) signage.
 - It was decided by the group to work on the first topic only in trying to get a 2015 ANJEC grant.
 - Marjorie and Jim Tweed will write a draft for the next meeting.
 - Laurie and Marty to get grants that the Environmental Commission wrote recently, (1) a grant from New Jersey American Water titled Green Streets, Bioswales, and (2) Intermediate School Rain Garden funded by Walmart.

- Submitted Plan Review
 - No plans were reviewed at the meeting.

New Business

- Laurie informed the Commission that the city has renewed our membership with ANJEC. Laurie also provided a list of 2015 workshops.
- After some discussion, it was decided that the Environmental Commission should chose one location for this years beach planting to strengthen that dune system. It was not decided where this should be.
- Laurie handed out a submittal by Rutgers University on an Environmental Stewards training be done throughout the state for anyone who is interested.
- January 19th will be the annual city wide Martin Luther King clean up day. DPW will handle the administration of the day. Volunteers should report to the Senior Center to help out.

Public Comment – No public at the meeting; therefore, no public comment made.

Meeting Adjourned Approximately 8:00 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Marjorie Brooks and seconded by Jim Tweed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 20th, 2015, 6:30PM at the Bayside Center.