

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM at the Bayside Center.

Roll Call – The following members were present:

Members:

Marjorie Brooks	John Loeper	Donna Moore
Marty Mozzo	Jim Tweed	Ken Cooper
Sara Maas	Laurie Taylor (City Liaison)	

Peaches Lukens was present as a member of the Public.

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

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of January 6, 2015 meeting were introduced. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Marjorie Brooks and seconded by Marty Mozzo. The minutes as amended were unanimously approved.

Pending Business

- Lecture Series
 - The first lecture was held on January 15th in Room N116 of the library. The speaker was Josh Nemeth and the title will be “Planting & Gardening by the Sea.” The lecture was a huge success and congratulations given to Donna Moore and her committee, Marjorie Brooks and Sara Maas, for an outstanding event.
 - February’s lecture will be on February 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 with Sara Miele making the presentation “Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles”; 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 and Donna will revise the flyer that will be used for advertising each lecture. The Library also will be placing ads in the local newspapers as well as on their website.

- ANJEC 2015 Grants
 - Marjorie and Jim Tweed presented an initial draft of the grant for the Ocean City Bayside Center Natural Habitat Enhancement for the commission to review.
 - Marty and Laurie asked Jim Tweed to get this to Laurie electronically on Microsoft Word so that all can review and make comments prior to the next meeting.
 - Comments made by Commissioners will be reviewed at the next meeting and incorporated in the draft.

- Submitted Plan Review
 - One plan was reviewed at the meeting. There were no comments from the Commission.

New Business

- The draft plan that was prepared by Pete Ault for beach planting was reviewed by the Commission. All thought it was a good start. The next step is for a committee to meet and go over potential spots on the beach where this plan can be applied. Ken Cooper and Pete Ault are co-chairs on this committee with all commission members volunteering to participate to some extent in this effort.
- Ken Cooper asked if it was possible to get a list of Environmental Commission members with contact information. City Clerk has this list which is currently being updated for 2015.
- Ken Cooper also asked for a list of EC committees. This is a good idea to insure we do not overload ourselves. Marty and Laurie will work on this.

Public Comment – Peaches Lukens brought the Commission up to date on her visions for Bayside Center Garden, currently on hold. She respectfully asked that our grant does not interfere with her project. Marty assured her that we will not interfere.

Meeting Adjourned Approximately 8:15 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Tweed and seconded by Ken Cooper.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 3rd, 2015, 6:30PM at the Bayside Center.