## OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION Minutes – Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM at the Senior Center.

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

## Members:

Marty Mozzo KenCooper John Loeper Sara Maas Jim Tweed David Hayes

Donna Moore Marjorie Brooks Laurie Taylor City Liason

Three members of the public were present, Helen Plourde McSweeny, Marie Hayes, and Eric Sauder.

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

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for the meeting of April 8, 2015 were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ken Cooper and seconded by Jim Tweed. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **Pending Business**

- Lecture Series Donna Moore
  - o The next lecture was held Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Library at 7 PM. Brian Williamson of the Wetlands Institute presented "Diamondback Terrapins" at the April 17<sup>th</sup> lecture. It was well attended
  - Last two scheduled lectures will be May 21st with Pat Sutton on "Monarch Butterflies," and June 11<sup>th</sup> with Chris Robine of the Stockton Coastal Center on "Beach Nourishment and Dune Vegetation."
  - o Donna stated that nothing had been done yet for future lectures after June.
- ANJEC 2015 Grants OCEC Demonstration Dune
  - o Submitted to ANJEC on March 27, 2015.
  - We should receive notification of the grant on April 22, 2015.
  - o We will notify all Commission members of the outcome as soon as we hear.
- Submitted Plan Review
  - o Eight plans were reviewed at the meeting. There were no comments from the Commission.

## **New Business**

- Donna Moore introduced an idea for the Environmental Commission to work on putting diamond terrapin barriers alongside Roosevelt Boulevard and in the south end of the island. Topic will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> will be the Annual Beach Sweep and Dune Grass Planting in Ocean City. The Environmental Commission will spearhead the dune grass planting part of the day's events. The event for EC will run from 9 AM to 1 PM. Registration will be at the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Children's Pavillion. There will be 12,000 plugs to plant from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Volunteers are requested. Ken Cooper, Jim Tweed, David Hayes, and Marty Mozzo volunteered.

• Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, Lenape High School Beach Sweep with 100 students. At least 4 EC volunteers are needed. Ken and Marty volunteered. The event will be at 15<sup>th</sup> and the Boardwalk from 9 AM to Noon.

**Public Comment** – Three members of the public were present. Comments were made from two.

- Eric Sauder stated that the Perry Egan site was up for review by the Planning Board to turn that area into single family homes. Mr. Sauder felt that that area would be better used as an open space.
- Helen McSweeny commented on the Palermo site, 4<sup>th</sup> and Asbury and the efforts of the Smart Growth group she is a part of.

Meeting Adjourned Approximately 8:00 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Cooper and seconded by John Loeper.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:30PM at the Senior Center.