

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center.

Roll Call – The following members were present:

Members:

Marty Mozzo	John Loeper	Ken Cooper
Jim Tweed	Marjorie Brooks	Dave Hayes
Sara Maas	Matt von der Hayden (City Liaison)	

No one from the public was present.

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 September 8, 2015 were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Tweed and seconded by Ken Cooper. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Pending Business

- Environmental Commission Annual Report
 - Marty Mozzo stated that he made the required presentation of our Annual Report to City Council September 10th. The presentation was well received.
- ANJEC 2015 Demonstration Dune Grant Update
 - Marty Mozzo stated that the after discussions with Alma George and Chris Miller, we will plant dune grasses and mature beach plums for the fall planting.
 - The fall planting will be done October 24th. Volunteers will be needed.
 - The beach plum seedlings will be planted sometime in November. We are looking if we can get the High School Ecology Club to assist in the planting.
 - Chris Miller stated that Rosa Rugosa is being listed as an invasive plant. We are looking to replace this with bayberry or Carolina Rose. This will be planted in our spring planting.
- Fall/Winter Lecture series
 - Pete Ault made his presentation to kick off the Fall/Winter lecture series.
 - Christ Robine of Stockton will provide the second lecture. He will be talking about Beach Nourishment and Dune Vegetation. The lecture is set for Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 PM in the library.
 - A draft flyer was reviewed and accepted by the commission. Matt will begin publicity campaign during the week.
- A potential topic for November's lecture was a speaker from NJ Clean Energy Program.

- Submitted Plan Review
 - Ken Cooper noted that there were 7 plans that he had. He outlined each plan and asked for comments. There were no comments on these plans.
- Diamondback Terrapins
 - Donna Moore was not present. She will make her presentation at the October 6th meeting.
 - Marjorie Brooks handed out an educational handout on Terrapin Turtles.

New Business

- 2016 Meeting Dates
 - 2016 meeting dates as proposed was given to the commission. After some discussion, it was voted on.
 - John Loeper made a motion to approve the meeting dates, Jim Tweed seconded. It was unanimously approved.
 - Matt will schedule venues for the meetings.
- River Hawk Watch Tour
 - A handout for this tour was provided to all members of the commission who were present.
- Student Liaisons
 - Matt brought the commission up to date on getting student liaisons. None have been appointed but that is expected to change shortly.
- Bioswale
 - John Loeper brought up that the bioswale project appeared to be complete at North and West.
 - Matt stated that he was working on closing out the grant on this.

Public Comment – There was no public comment made at the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Marjorie Brooks and seconded by Jim Tweed.

Next Meeting: October 6th, 2015, 6:30PM at the Senior Center.