

**OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Minutes – Tuesday, October 20, 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	Ken Cooper	Donna Moore
Jim Tweed	Sara Maas	David Hayes
Matt von der Hayden (City Liaison)		
Caitlyn Aldridge (Student Representative)	Minh Vu (Student Representative)	

One Person was present from the public, Marie Hayes.

**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 October 6, 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**

- ANJEC 2015 Demonstration Dune Grant Update
  - The fall planting will be done October 24<sup>th</sup>. Dune grass and mature beach plums will be planted. Volunteers will be needed.
  - The Environmental Commission will have a table set up on the boardwalk between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets for this event from 9 AM to Noon.
  - The beach plum seedlings will be planted sometime in late November or early December. We are looking if we can get the High School Ecology Club to assist in the planting.
  - We have received permission from ANJEC to substitute other plantings for Rosa Rogussa which has been deemed as invasive.
- Fall/Winter Lecture series
  - The next lecture will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the library. The topic will be “Save Energy and Money with New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program<sup>TM</sup>”. The presentation will be given by Kimberly Hoff, Marketing Account Manager at New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program<sup>TM</sup>.
  - We will not have a lecture in December but will resume in January.
- Spraying – Education
  - A discussion was held on Donna’s concern over pesticide spraying.
  - Marty gave three links to NJDEP, one for the Administrative Code that covers spraying, the second for reporting violations, and the third a listing of permitted pesticides.
  - Marty stated that this topic should be a part of the Commission’s educational efforts.
  - Matt will research DEP to see if he can get brochures regarding this topic.
- Submitted Plan Review
  - Ken Cooper noted that there were 2 plans that he had.

- The first plan was to cut back vegetation at the airport. The Commission reviewed and asked that a letter be written that when this cutting back is performed it is done with care and as minimal as possible. This letter will be sent out.
- The second plan was for a seawall at Ocean Reef to prevent flooding on their property as occurred during Superstorm Sandy. There was no comment from the Commission.
- Diamondback Terrapins
  - All Commissioners were given the opportunity to comment on Donna's one page summary.
  - Comments revolved around whether there was enough room on Roosevelt Blvd to install the barrier, documentation of sightings and kills on that stretch, and maintenance aspects of the barrier.
  - After a lengthy discussion a motion was introduced. Motion for the Environmental Chair and the City Liaison to present Donna's one page summary to appropriate city and/or county officials to review for input/questions/comments. This motion was first made by Jim Tweed and seconded by David Hayes. A unanimous vote to implement followed.
- 2016 Student Liaisons
  - Three student liaisons have been appointed to the Commission for the upcoming school year. All are seniors. The three will rotate attendance at our meetings.
  - Caitlin Aldridge and Minh Vu attended our meeting.
  - We invited the students to fully participate in our meetings as well as planting dates.
  - Marty Mozzo explained that the student liaisons are our future and they were welcome to fully participate at our meetings.

#### **New Business**

- Sustainable Jersey Certification Status
  - Ocean City has received notice that they have been certified under the Sustainable Jersey program at the bronze level.
  - The Green Team is working for next year's submittal with the hope that we achieve silver status.
- Handouts – Several handouts were given at the meeting
  - Fall Migration Birding the Great Egg Harbor River, November 1, 11:30 to 4:00.
  - Upper Township - Rain Barrel Workshop - Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015
  - Atlantic Cape May hub – All about water, October 28<sup>th</sup> 6 to 9 PM at the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor.

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM.** Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Cooper and seconded by Donna Moore.

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, 6:30PM at City Hall Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.**