

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, January 26, 2016

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	Donna Moore
Jim Tweed	Sara Maas	Chris Halliday
David Hayes	John Aitken	
Matt von der Hayden (City Liaison)		

No one was present from the public.

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

Since we have new members on the commission, Open Public Meeting rules were presented including avoidance of mass e-mails and phone calls which discuss commission decisions or policy.

Introduction of the Environmental Commission – All members of the commission introduced themselves to each other and 2016 information pertaining to the commission was provided to include the Environmental Commission member's list, contact information on all members, 2016 meeting dates, and the ordinance conveying the purpose and power of the commission.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for the meeting of November 2, 2015 were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by John Aitken and seconded by Chris Halliday. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Pending Business

- ANJEC 2015 Demonstration Dune Grant Update
 - The beach plum seedlings were planted in late November. We were fortunate to get several members of the High School Ecology Club to assist in the planting. Thanks to all who participated.
 - We are planning our last planting of plants in late March/early April dependent on what plants we get.
- Fall/Winter Lecture series
 - The lecture series was discussed in depth. We will not have a lecture in February.
 - Suggested speakers are Randy Scheule to talk on “The Ocean City Strategic Recovery Planning Report.” Tentative date is March 16th at 6:30 PM based on Mr. Scheule's availability. Potential speakers discussed for future lecture series events included Crist Robine of Stockton or someone from the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension of Cape May County for April 20th, and the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority for the last lecture May 11th.
 - Donna has been tasked on setting up 2016 Lecture Series working with Matt.

- Submitted Plan Review
 - Marty Mozzo had 24 plans/permits whose time to respond had expired. Rather than go through all of them, a summary was presented to the commission and anyone could request/review at the meeting or see Matt for review at a later date. One plan was questioned. It was reviewed by the commission. No comments were made on any of these plans.
 - Four plans were then presented to the commission. After an extended discussion, the commission decided not to make any comments on them.
- Diamondback Terrapins
 - Matt and Marty met with County Engineer Dale Foster in December to discuss this proposed project. Mr. Foster had no problem with the project as long as a Memorandum of Understanding with the County was reached with the City regarding maintenance and cost of this project.
 - After a lengthy discussion, a suggestion was made that the Environmental Commission may be more effective by writing an Educational Flyer on this topic.

New Business

- None

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Tweed and seconded by Sara Maas. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 6:30PM at the Senior Center.