

**OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Minutes – Tuesday, November 22, 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Marty Mozzo	Chairperson	Present	Donna Moore	Commissioner	Absent
Pete Ault	Commissioner	Present	Jim Tweed	Commissioner	Present
Chris Halliday	Commissioner	Present	Dave Hayes	Alternate # 1	Present
John Loeper	Planning Board Appointee	Present	John Aitken	Alternate # 2	Absent
Sara Maas	Commissioner	Present	Matt von der Hayden	City Liaison	Present
Justin Berry	Student Liaison	Absent	Laura Anne Fithian	Student Liaison	Present
Abby O'Boyle	Student Liaison	Absent			

Anthony Haven 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 October 25, 2016 were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Tweed and seconded by John Loeper. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Pending Business**

- Lecture Series
  - The last lecture for 2016 was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:30 PM. Peter Bosak of the Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control discussed mosquito biology, county control efforts, and mosquito transmitted disease.
  - The lecture was quite informative and attended by about 20 people.
  - No lecture will be held in December. Next one will be either January or February 2017.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street Open Space Plantings
  - A draft letter/email was discussed to go out to three parties: (1) USDA-NRCS Cape May Plant Materials Center, (2) Rutgers COOP, and (3) Native Plant Society of New Jersey.

- The letter/email stated that the City of Ocean City is actively pursuing open space to enhance residence and visitors' connection to the outdoors. The Environmental Commission is compiling a list of readily available native, non invasive, salt tolerant plants that would thrive at specific locations on the island.
- Each group was asked if they have someone available that can assist the Ocean City Environmental Commission with identifying specific native plants that will become established and enhance open space in a coastal community.
- A motion was made by Pete Ault to proceed with this effort, seconded by Jim Tweed. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Submitted Plan Review
  - Six (6) plans were presented to the Ocean City Environmental Commission (OCEC) by Chris Halliday. There were no environmental concerns or comments on five of the plans.
  - The sixth plan was the Keller Williams proposed building on the old Exxon site at 9<sup>th</sup> and Bay. The Environmental Commission is concerned about soil contamination on the site. A letter will be written and sent to the Planning Board for review.

### **New Business**

- Student Liaisons
  - Marty Mozzo announced that three student liaisons have volunteered for the Environmental Commission. The students will rotate their attendance.
  - Laura Anne Fithian attended tonight's meeting.
- Dune Clean-Up
  - Jim Tweed asked if the Environmental Commission would talk to DPW regarding dune cleanup from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Matt will contact DPW with this request.
- South Jersey Coastal Fly Anglers
  - John Loeper stated he was a member of this organization.
  - John was asked if the group would like to participate in our Lecture Series. John thought they would and will get back to the Commission.
- Rain Barrel Workshop
  - Matt stated that there may be an opportunity regarding setting up either a lecture or a workshop on rain barrels.
  - The Commission thought it was a good idea.
  - Matt will contact the persons who initiated this opportunity with him to see if they could attend a future Environmental Commission meeting.

**Public Comment – None**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Sara Maas and seconded by Pete Ault. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, December 13, 2016, 6:30PM at the Senior Center.**