

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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

Roll Call – The following members were present:

Name	Title	Present/Absent	Name	Title	Present/Absent
Marty Mozzo	Chairperson	Present	Ed McConnell	Commissioner	Present
Pete Ault	Commissioner	Absent	Peter Sollazzo	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	Present	Laura Anne Fithian	Student Liaison	Present
Abby O'Boyle	Student Liaison	Present			

Three members from the public were present. Michael Romond from the South Jersey Coastal Fly Anglers, Jim Hansen from AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador, and Madeline Walker de Hughes, President of the High School Ecology Club.

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 December 13, 2016 were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Chris Halliday and seconded by John Loeper. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Introduction of New Commissioners

- The two new commissioners, Ed McConnell and Pete Sollazzo were introduced to the commission.
- All members of the commission were warned about mass e-mails. Mass e-mails violate the Open Public Meetings Law.

Pending Business

- Lecture Series
 - Two lectures have been scheduled.
 - The first will be Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 PM in the library. The South Jersey Coastal Fly Anglers will make a presentation “Environmentally Sound Aspects of Fly Fishing in South Jersey Waters.” A flyer was presented to the commission for this lecture. A motion was made to approve by Chris Halliday and seconded by Pete Sollazzo. It was unanimously approved by the commission.
 - The second lecture will held on Thursday March 16th at 6:30 PM in the library. The topic will be “Rain Barrels How do they work? How are they installed and used?” The presenter will be Jim Hansen, AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador. A flyer was presented to the commission for this lecture. A motion was made to approve by Chris Halliday and seconded by Ed McConnell. It was unanimously approved by the commission.
- 9th Street Open Space Plantings
 - Chris Halliday is working on a consolidated list of native plants which could potentially be used in the 9th Street Open Space areas.
 - The list will be given to the city upon completion.
- 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 the plans.

New Business

- Marty Mozzo stated that Matt von der Hayden will be leaving the city at the end of the month. The Environmental Commission will be without a liaison for a period of time. The city is actively seeking a replacement.
- Volunteers for Committees
 - Marty Mozzo asked for volunteers to (a) continue lecture series past March, and (b) develop fact sheets.
 - Commission members would think on the lecture series as to who might volunteer.
 - The student liaisons indicated that they would be willing to write three (3) fact sheets including: (a) plastic bags, (b) balloon releases, and (c) Styrofoam. The theme of the fact sheets will be how these items adversely impacts wildlife and what the public can do to help.

Public Comment – None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Hayes and seconded by Ed McConnell. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 6:30PM at the Senior Center.