# OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION Minutes – Tuesday, May 9, 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	Absent	John Aitken	Alternate # 2	Present
Sara Maas	Commissioner	Absent	Jessica Lugo	City Liaison	Present
Justin Berry	Student Liaison	Absent	Laura Anne Fithian	Student Liaison	Absent
Abby O'Boyle	Student Liaison	Absent	Madeline Walker de Hughes	Student Liaison	Absent

Bill Leighton was present from the public.

**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 April 11, 2017 were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Pete Sollazzo and seconded by Ed McConnell. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **City Liaison**

• Jessica Lugo was introduced to the commission as our new City Liaison.

## **Pending Business**

- Lecture Series
  - The last lecture for the 2016-2017 winter/spring season will be held on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the library. The speaker will be John Truscinski from The Nature Conservancy NJ. He will be speaking about Cape May county wetlands, the health of our wetlands, protecting our wetlands, and restoration strategies.
  - Chris Halliday presented the flyer for this lecture. A motion was made by Ed McConnell and seconded by Pete Sollazzo to adopt the flyer. It was unanimously approved.

- Rain Barrel Workshop
  - Ed McConnell has agreed to work on setting this up in coordination with Jessica Lugo.
  - o Contact will be made with Jim Hansen in regards to the date of the event.
  - o Jessica will work with the City for a location.
- Update on Balloon fact sheet
  - o The City reviewed and approved the fact sheet with minor revisions.
  - o The City is coordinating publicity of the flyer through Doug Bergen. Several news stories have been published regarding this fact sheet.
- Clean Ocean Action –Beach Sweep April 22, 2017
  - o This event was a rain or shine event. The weather was terrible that day.
  - Ed McConnell and Marty Mozzo represented the Commission at this event. The South Jersey Coastal Fly Anglers also had three (3) representatives including Mike Romand.
- Submitted Plan Review
  - o One (1) plan was presented to the Ocean City Environmental Commission (OCEC) by Chris Halliday. There were no environmental concerns or comments.

## **New Business**

- The 2017 Green Fair is scheduled for Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Music Pier.
- The Environmental Commission will have a table handing out our educational fact sheets as well as an updated version of the 2016 Power Point presentation used last year.
- Volunteers to man the table will be solicited at our upcoming meetings.

#### **Public Comment** – None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Halliday and seconded by Pete Sollazzo. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 6:30PM at the Senior Center.