

**OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Minutes – Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Small Room 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>
Chris Halliday	Chairperson	Present	Ed McConnell	Commissioner	Present
Peter Ault	Commissioner	Absent	Susan Stauffer	Commissioner	Present
Peter Sollazzo	Commissioner	Present	John Aitken	Commissioner	Present
Richard Bernardini	Commissioner	Absent	Catherine Cipolla	Alternate # 1	Present
Brian Kempf	Alternate # 2	Present	Jessica Fenton	City Liaison	Present
Lauren Farschon	Student Liaison	Absent	Melissa Kampf	Student Liaison	Absent
Fanny Melo	Student Liaison	Absent			

Carolyn Logan and Bill O'Neill were 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 December 12, 2017 were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Peter Sollazzo and seconded by John Aitken. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Pending Business**

- New Commissioners and Alternates
  - The new Commissioners who were in attendance were introduced and took the Official Oath of Public Officers:
    - Susan Stauffer, Commissioner;
    - Catherine Cipolla, Alternate #1; and
    - Brian Kempf, Alternate #2.
- New Children’s Environmental Program
  - Introduced and discussed possible options including a beach program on dunes and tides and reduce, reuse, and recycle program.
- Introduce Lecture Series
  - Waste Management and Chris asked for the Commission to brain storm possible future lectures series topics.
- Submitted Plan review
  - Six (6) plans were submitted for review. No comments were made.

- Educational Fact Sheets
  - Introduced concept to new members. Susan proposed a Board of Realtors Flyer that would be handed out to departing homeowners which would include names and contact information for organizations that accept and pick-up reusable household goods.

### **New Business**

- Volunteers
  - Lecture Series
    - The Commission will work together to generate ideas. Brian suggested we reach out to Stu Farrell from Stockton University.
  - Plan Review
    - Brian Kempf volunteered for this month's plan review. It was discussed that Brian and Richard Bernardini would work together or alternate plan review months.
  - Family Oriented Environmental Programs
    - The Environmental Commission will work collectively to generate ideas for the family oriented environmental programs.

### **Public Comment**

- Carolyn Logan commented on the land clearing buffering the wetlands on 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, from Haven Avenue back to Dory Drive. Carolyn expressed concern with the extent of the clearing stating that they cleared native shrubs and trees in addition to the grasses. Carolyn was also concerned by how far in the vegetation was cleared from the wetland itself. Chris and Jessica agreed to investigate the clearing with the city and report to the Commission next meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Next Meeting: February 13, 2018, 6:30PM at the Senior Center, in the small lounge room.**