

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, January 8, 2019

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:

Name	Title	Present/Absent	Name	Title	Present/Absent
Chris Halliday	Chairperson	Present	Ed McConnell	Commissioner	Absent
Peter Sollazzo	Commissioner	Absent	Susan Stauffer	Commissioner	Present
Richard Bernardini	Commissioner	Present	John Aitken	Commissioner	Present
Vacant	Commissioner	Absent	Catherine Cipolla	Alternate # 1	Present
Brian Kempf	Alternate # 2	Present	Jessica Fenton	City Liaison	Present
Fanny Melo	Student Liaison	Absent	Vanessa Reyna	Student Liaison	Absent
Emma Sardy	Student Liaison	Present	Ella Weigel	Student Liaison	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 December 11, 2018 were read, some minor corrections and additions were noted. Those eligible to vote adopted unanimously.

Pending Business

- Family Friendly Event
 - The Commission’s second family-friendly event to be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Senior Center.
 - Cape May County Zoo-To-You program to have a table set up with some ambassador animals. DIY nature-based crafts to be offered, as well as games, music, and stories.
 - A flyer for the event will be prepared for review and approval by the Commission at its next meeting.
- Lecture Series
 - Lisa Auermuller, the Watershed Coordinator for the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve, to present a lecture on coastal resilience on Thursday, February 21st, at 6:30 PM, at the library.
 - Brian Kempf to create a flyer on the lecture series and include a topic abstract. It will be reviewed by the Commission at its next meeting.
 - The Commission will explore dates in April for a lecture by the New Jersey DEP Watershed Ambassador for the Great Egg Harbor River area.
- Submitted Plan Review
 - Rick Bernardini reviewed seven (7) plans. The following reviews had comments and a brief discussion followed:

- 9 11th Street – Applicant sought a Waiver for street trees and a recommendation was made to refer the matter to the Shade Tree Commission.
 - Jessica Fenton explained that the Shade Tree Commission is included in the review process just as the Environmental Commission is. As such, an official comment not to be submitted.
- 4529-31 Central Avenue – It was recommended there be an addition of storm water recharge system; however, it was not decided that an official comment to be submitted.

New Business

- Plastic Bag Fact Sheets
 - With regard to local eateries, and their movement towards eliminating use of plastics and Styrofoam, Jon & Patty’s does not offer plastic straws anymore. Instead, paper straws are provided upon request. Overall, paper straws cost the business about \$150.00 more per month. Jon & Patty’s is also exploring the option of using wax paper instead of plastic food containers.
 - Jessica Fenton to discuss topic of plastic bags and fact sheets with Administration.
- Movie Night – March
 - Chris Halliday provided several dates in March that the Lecture Hall was available to the Commission to host a movie night. Sunday, March 10, 2019, at 2:00 PM, was unanimously approved. Also, the movie Free Willy unanimously approved.
 - Chris Halliday confirmed that popcorn is permitted in the auditorium. Susan Stauffer will investigate a donation from Johnson’s Popcorn.

Public Comment

- None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Susan Stauffer and seconded by Brian Kempf. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 6:30 PM, at the Senior Center, in the small lounge room.