

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, March 12, 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	Present	Susan Stauffer	Commissioner	Present
Richard Bernardini	Commissioner	Present	John Aitken	Commissioner	Absent
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	Absent

Open Public Meetings Announcement – Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on February 12, 2019 was made by Peter Sollazzo and seconded by Susan Stauffer. Those eligible to vote adopted unanimously.

Pending Business

- Family Friendly Event
 - The Commission’s second family-friendly event was held on Saturday, February 16th, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Senior Center.
 - Cape May County Zoo-To-You program had a snake and rabbit.
 - The Commission estimated that over 250 people attended the event, almost all craft supplies were exhausted. Children also enjoyed the videos, music, and games.
- Lecture Series
 - Lisa Auermuller, the Watershed Coordinator for the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve, presented a lecture on coastal resilience on Thursday, February 21st, at 6:30 PM, at the library.
 - The Commission estimated that over 30 people attended the event. It was well received.
- Submitted Plan Review
 - Rick Bernardini and Brian Kempf reviewed nine (9) plans. The following reviews had comments and a brief discussion followed:
 - 56 West Avenue, Subdivision – Can existing trees be retained on the lot?

- 201 Ninth Street, Republic Bank – What the status of the previous gas station’s environmental impact is, if any, and are there associated ongoing observation activities?
- Movie Night – March
 - The Commission hosted a movie night. Sunday, March 10th, at 2:00 PM, featuring the movie ‘Free Willy.’
 - Popcorn was provided by the Stauffer family.
 - About 15 people attended.
 - Comments – there are a lot of movies presented at the library, perhaps an adult oriented movie could be offered.
- Plastic Bag Fact Sheet
 - Jessica Fenton discussed topic of plastic bags and fact sheets with Administration. The factsheet will be issued after some minor edits for further consideration.

New Business

- Future Fact Sheets/Lecture Series
 - Straws and Take Out Containers
 - Batteries
 - CCMUA Recycling Program Updates
 - CRS Flood Insurance Reduction Program
 - Peach Plum Planting
 - New Jersey DEP Watershed Ambassador for the Great Egg Harbor River area
 - Energy efficient appliances in association with the Utility Advisory Commission
 - Victoria Devine, teacher and author, “McCarrig”, a story about 4 birds
- Spring Beach Sweep
 - April 27th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, in coordination with the OC Public Works program. Volunteers are to report to the Music Pier on the boardwalk.
 - Audubon Society, bird watching at Welcome Center, TBD May
- Brian Kempf advised the Commission about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Back Bay Flooding study, a 50-100 year plan for Coastal Storm Risk Management. Public comments may be submitted prior to April 1, 2019.

Public Comment

- None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Catherine Cipolla and seconded by Brian Kempf. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 6:30 PM, at the Senior Center, in the small lounge room.