

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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
Richard Bernardini	Chairperson	Present	VACANT	Commissioner	
VACANT	Commissioner		VACANT	Commissioner	
VACANT	Commissioner		John Aitken	Commissioner	Absent
Lea Giosa	Alternate # 2	Present	Catherine Cipolla	Commissioner	Present
Brian Kempf	Alternate # 1	Present	VACANT	City Liaison	
Emma Sardy	Student Liaison	Absent	Olivia Heng	Student Liaison	Absent
Isabelle Heng	Student Liaison	Present			

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 December 10, 2019 was made by Catherine Cipolla and seconded by Brian Kempf. Those eligible to vote adopted unanimously.

Public Comments

- Prospective Commissioners were welcomed to observe the meeting, including Patricia Lynn, Jim Edwards, Bill Snyder and Betsy Lehman. Anita Messina attended also.

Pending Business

- Submitted Plan Review
 - There were 17 plans for review, none were noted with comment.
 - John Aitken reviewed the remediation plan for the JCP&L Coal Plant without adverse comment.
- Open Commissioner positions were advertised with applications received and reviewed. R. Bernardini contacted prospects, one remaining. Candidates were invited to attend the 1/14/20 meeting to observe.
- Native Planting Project
 - Beach Plums are available for planting, locations to be verified with Administration. Spring planting event to be considered. Possible site- 52nd Street, site is currently overgrown, other site to be considered is the 10th Street beach dune.
 - Pinelands Preservation Alliance contacted the Commission regarding the implementation of plant protection strips at beach dunes. R. Bernardini will discuss with Administration for possible implementation and educational lecture.
- Future Initiatives for consideration:

- Offseason trash cans on the beach for volunteer trash collection; plastic bag pick up
 - Trash cans were noted at various beach locations.
- Bird feeder and nature program, Kid Friendly Program February 15, 2020, including pine cone bird feeders and Cape May Zoo animals.
- Natural gardening - Jersey Friendly Yards, Landscaping for a Healthy Environment, is scheduled for March 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Library Room N110. C. Cipolla prepared a flyer which was unanimously approved.
- R. Bernardini presented a photo of Terrapin Activity warning sign from Strathmere; suggested a student project to install a similar sign on 34th Street.
 - Student Liaisons are investigating implementation.
- R. Bernardini noted that our informational flyers/fact sheets do not seem to be available at any city public location.
 - Bergan responded with plan to attach flyers to City social media. Brian Kempf will investigate reformatting to fit City display racks.
- R. Bernardini noted that Upper Township held a rain barrel workshop on 11/12/19. He contacted the Cape May County Watershed Ambassador for an OC event in May/June.

New Business

- ANJEC is holding an Environmental Commission Fundamentals class in Hammonton on 3/28/20. R. Bernardini to confirm membership with Administration for attendance.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Catherine Cipolla and seconded by Lia Giosa. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 6:30 PM, at the Senior Center, in the small lounge room.