

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, March 10, 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	Elizabeth Lehman	Commissioner	Present
Brian Kempf	Commissioner	Present	James Edwards	Commissioner	Present
Wayne Smith	Commissioner	Present	John Aitken	Commissioner	Present
Crystal Phillips Quijano	Alternate # 2	Absent	Catherine Cipolla	Commissioner	Present
Bradford Jungles	Alternate # 1	Present	Jessica Fenton	City Liaison	Absent
Isabelle Heng	Student Liaison	Present	Olivia 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 January 14, 2020 was made by John Aitken and seconded by Jim Edwards. Those eligible to vote adopted unanimously.

Public Comments

- None

Pending Business

- Submitted Plan Review
 - There were 7 CAFRA plans for review, none were noted with comment.
 - Cape May County Mosquito Control document was received too late for comment by the Commission.
 - Planning and Zoning plans were not available for review.
- Native Planting Project
 - Beach Plums are available for planting, locations to be verified with Administration.
 - Administration advised there is no location for planting at this time.
- Bird feeder and nature program, Kid Friendly Program February 15, 2020, including pine cone bird feeders and Cape May Zoo animals was well attended and deemed a great success by all.
- Natural gardening - Jersey Friendly Yards, Landscaping for a Healthy Environment, is scheduled for March 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Library Room N110.
- 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 presented 2 schemes. Liaisons are to provide a summary of student activity to support the program and the sign layout to Rick Bernardini, which will be forwarded to the Administration for approval and implementation.
- R. Bernardini noted that our informational flyers/fact sheets do not seem to be available at any city public location.
 - Rick Bernardini and Jim Edwards met with Doug Bergen, who provided various press contacts and sources for information circulation.
 - Brian Kempf and Jim Edwards 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.
 - A barrel source was identified, a June day will be investigated for the lecture and build-it workshop.

New Business

- ANJEC
 - Environmental Commission Fundamentals class in Hammonton on 3/28/20. R. Bernardini confirmed membership with the Administration and encouraged Commissioners to attend.
 - Reaching Resiliency workshop to be held 3/16/20 at Aviation Research Park.
 - Catherine Cipolla to review Grant opportunity for Community Gardens
- 2 New Alternate Commissioners were added to the Commission, Brad Jungles attended.
- Discussion of future Commission activity
 - Lectures
 - CRS and Flood Insurance
 - Wetlands Protection
 - Gardening and Composting - coordinate with Shade Tree Commission
 - Osprey habitat
 - Solar power and LED - coordinate with Atlantic City Electric
 - Flyers
 - Reusable bags
 - Monarch butterflies and Milkweed
 - Composting

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Catherine Cipolla and seconded by Betsey Lehman. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 6:30 PM, at the Senior Center, in the small lounge room.