

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Roll Call – The following members were present:

Name	Title	Present/Absent	Name	Title	Present/Absent
Richard Bernardini	Chairperson	Present	Elizabeth Lehman	Commissioner	Present
VACANT	Commissioner	Absent	James Edwards	Commissioner	Present
VACANT	Alternate # 1	Absent	John Aitken	Commissioner	Absent
VACANT	Alternate # 2	Absent	Catherine Cipolla	Commissioner	Present
Bradford Jungles	Commissioner	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 July 14, 2020 was made by Betsey Lehman and seconded by Brad Jungles. Those eligible to vote adopted unanimously.

Public Comments

- None

Pending Business

- Submitted Plan Review
 - There were 3 NJDEP notices and approvals, 2 Zoning, and 3 Planning Board submissions for review, none were noted with comments.
- 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.
 - will revisit for spring 2021 plantings
- R. Bernardini presented a photo of the 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.
 - All student activity is on hold due to Covid restrictions
- R. Bernardini noted that our informational flyers/fact sheets do not seem to be available at any city public location.
 - Four flyers were forwarded to Doug Bergen for publication.

- “Face Mask” flyer was approved for publication. It will be forwarded to Doug Bergen with a minor reformat change.
- 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.
 - CANCELED due to pandemic, revisit for future session
- Advertisement for new commissioners is in progress by the City.
- ANJEC
 - Catherine Cipolla to review Grant opportunity for Community Gardens
- Discussion of future Commission activity
 - Lectures - ON HOLD
 - CRS and Flood Insurance
 - Wetlands Protection
 - Gardening and Composting
 - Osprey habitat
 - Solar power and LED - coordinate with Atlantic City Electric
 - Visit to the high school hydroponic garden.
 - Passive rainwater control, such as bioswales
 - Flyers
 - Reusable bags
 - Monarch butterflies and Milkweed
 - Composting
 - Flood Water hazards - Brad Jungles to research health and safety info.
 - Betsey Lehman and Jim Edwards to investigate joint Composting and Butterfly programs with the Shade Tree Commission
 - no joint activity anticipated

New Business

- Milkweed seed distribution and Monarch butterflies, possible March 2021 Family Fun Day activity.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:04 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Brad Jungles and seconded by Catherine Cipolla. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tentative - Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 6:30 PM, via ZOOM.