

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, August 9, 2022

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

Roll Call – The following members were present:

| Name | Title | Present/Absent | Name | Title | Present/Absent |
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| Richard Bernardini | Chairperson | Present | Elizabeth Lehman | Commissioner | Present |
| Marnie Niederhofer | Commissioner | Present | James Edwards | Commissioner | Absent |
| Doug Blackman | Alternate # 1 | Absent | John Aitken | Commissioner | Present |
| | Alternate # 2 | Absent | Catherine Cipolla | Commissioner | Absent |
| Bradford Jungles | Commissioner | Absent | Jessica Fenton | City Liaison | Absent |
| Christopher Sardy | Student Liaison | Absent | Madeline 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 12, 2022 was made by Betsy Lehman and seconded by John Aitken. Those eligible to vote adopted it unanimously.

Public Comments

- The following attended the meeting:
 - Donna Moore-presented a statement objecting to artificial turf fields at Tennessee Ave.
 - OCEC to issue a statement to Administration regarding health and microplastic concerns
 - Bill O’Neil

Pending Business

- Submitted Plan Review
 - 11 CAFRA/NJDEP notices, 0 Treatment Works, 5 Zoning/Planning Board submissions were reviewed.
 - 9-13 B each Rd - requested additional information regarding Building and Impervious Coverage in this Zone, submission indicated “NA”
- Student Environmental Association
 - Upweller activity started, SEA has had no activity with it
 - Planning to assist with Green Fair and seed packet assembly 8/10
- ANJEC
 - Carbon Footprint wheel is reserved for Green Fair in August
- Discussion of future Commission activity

- Lectures
 - Fall '22
 - Wetlands Protection- Shooter Island (ATC Engineers and SEA)
 - Spring '23
 - Gardening and Composting, speaker research in progress
 - Future Topics
 - Plastics
 - Osprey habitat
 - Passive rainwater control, such as bioswales
 - Army Corps of Engineer Flood Barrier
 - B. Lehman to investigate using the high school for hybrid lectures, i.e., live and Zoom
- Monarch Waystations
 - Potential locations
 - Playgrounds
 - Airport areas
 - Wildlife Refuge
 - 51st Street
 - E. Seaspray Rd along path to beach
 - Potential Partners
 - The Shores, meet 8/10
 - Certified Wildlife Habitat - C. Cipolla to investigate
- Storm Inlet warning graphic for outflow
- Sign to deter feeding Fox off the boardwalk
- Informational flyers/fact sheets
- Grants
 - ANJEC Stewardship grant application was approved for the Butterfly Garden
 - All volunteer hours to be reported to Rick Bernardini
 - Bird Guides-Marnie Neiderhofer
 - Sustainable Jersey
 - Public Beach Access
- Orsted Ocean Wind wind farm
 - BOEM issued an extension for comment period to 8/22/22
- City is investigating OCEC logo shirts for members to wear at events.
- City Green Fair August 26 at the Music Pier
 - Native plant seed packets
 - SEA to assist with preparation on 8/10
 - ANJEC Carbon Footprint wheel
 - Crafts
 - Decomposition Board and samples
 - Native Planting board
- OCUT Book Club
 - 8/16 “Attainable Sustainable”
- Butterfly Garden Activities
 - Certification submission complete, sign posted
 - Watering and care ongoing

- Volunteer hours to be reported to Rick Bernardini
- Progress report to ANJEC due by October 31

New Business

- Drought Watch was issued by NJ, conserve water use
- B. Lehman to investigate Reusable Bag collection for food banks and other sources
- Rutgers University webinar “Microplastics in our Waters: Sources and Fate” 8/29

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. Motions to adjourn were made by Marnie Niederhofer and seconded by Betsy Lehman.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:30 PM, in person at the Cape May County Howard S. Stainton Senior Center, 1735 Simpson Avenue.