

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, January 16, 2023

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
Richard Bernardini	Chairperson	Present	Elizabeth Lehman	Commissioner	Present
Marnie Niederhofer	Commissioner	Absent	James Edwards	Commissioner	Present
Caitlin Quirk	Commissioner	Present	John Aitken	Commissioner	Absent
Jessica Fenton	City Liaison	Absent	Catherine Cipolla	Commissioner	Present
Doug Blackman	Alternate #1	Present	Harley Cummins	Alternate # 2	Present
Delaney Brogan	Student Liaison	Present	Josh Heng	Student Liaison	Present
David Heap	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 December 12, 2023 was made by Doug Blackman and seconded by Caitlin Quirk. Those eligible to vote adopted it unanimously.

Public Comments

- Attendees- none

Pending Business

- Submitted Plan Review
 - 0 CAFRA/NJDEP notices, 1 Treatment Works, 3 Zoning/Planning Board submissions were reviewed.
 - 1604 Pleasure Ave - questions requirement for NJDEP approval
- Student Environmental Association
 - MLK Day - clean up of Humane Society area
- ANJEC
 - 1/30/24 Goal Setting, Zoom meeting
- Discussion of future Commission activity
 - Lectures
 - March 26, 2024 Sustainable Business Practices -Caitlin Quirk
 - Future Topics

- Army Corps of Engineer Flood Barrier, NJ Back Bays
 - USACE has no plans for public meetings in near future
 - Storm Inlet warning markers
 - Commissioners are willing to volunteer for more area installations.
 - Monarch Waystations
 - The Shores
 - Garden dedication to be scheduled in spring '24
 - Commissioners to identify potential locations for gardens
 - investigate Bayside Center garden expansion
 - Ocean Wind 1 & 2
 - Orsted has ceased operations on the Ocean Wind 1 and 2 projects. Orsted retains the rights of the lease areas.
 - Eco-Recreation
 - Final drafts on paddle sports, biking, birding, fishing, and walking tours are completed.
 - Meeting with Admin January 23
 - Spring beach plum planting Beach Rd at Gardens Rd.
 - to be scheduled
 - 2024 Family Environmental Fun Day - Commission agreed to hold the event at the high school cafeteria on 2/17/24, OCHS has reserved the room.
 - Table layout, activities, assignments and attendees were reviewed
 - Crook Horn Creek Nature Trail and Storm Resilience
 - Some members of the Commission attended an information session on Saturday, 12/9/23. A general discussion of the project was held, questions were forwarded to oceancityflooding@actengineers.com
 - no response to date

New Business

- 2024 Meeting Schedule was adopted, Motions were made by Caitlin Quirk and Doug Blackman with unanimous vote.
- Great Egg Harbor Watershed Assoc. "Celebration of Birds" meeting and Zoom 1/23/24 @ 6:30 pm
- Atlantic-Cape May Hub Roundtable 2/20/24, 4 topics in an hour meant to highlight key information for further action.
- A discussion on construction practices for cutting plastic lumber, such as Trex and Azak. Information will be forwarded to the Administration for Construction Official attention from a Margate initiative.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. Motions to adjourn were made by Doug Blackman and seconded by Catherin Cipolla.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:30 PM, in person at the Cape May County Howard S. Stainton Senior Center, 1735 Simpson Avenue.