

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN**  
**Environmental Commission**  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 – 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

Donald Lippincott	<u>  X  </u>
Thomas Leaming	<u>  X  </u>
Richard Lipman	<u> Absent </u>
Lorraine Flohr	<u>  X  </u>
Kenneth Fekete	<u> Absent </u>
Patricia Mosier	<u> Absent </u>
Diane B. Ambrosio	<u> Absent </u>
Alt #1 Jack Henderson	<u>  X  </u>
Alt #2 Robert Knowles	<u>  X  </u>

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT – PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY PROVIDED BY SENDING COPIES OF THE NOTICE OF MEETING TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY. THE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK AND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

REGULAR MEETING

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: July 10, 2023

Robert Knowles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, from the July 10, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Lorraine Flohr.

Donald Lippincott	<u>  X  </u>
Thomas Leaming	<u>  X  </u>
Richard Lipman	<u> Absent </u>
Lorraine Flohr	<u>  X  </u>
Kenneth Fekete	<u> Absent </u>
Patricia Mosier	<u> Absent </u>
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1. Correspondence

Secretary Bonfonti discussed that the correspondence the Environmental Commission received prior to today's meeting was listed on the agenda in detail and available to be review at the Clerk's office in Town Hall due to today's meeting occurring at the Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education. Secretary Bonfonti discussed that if any member is interested in viewing any item of correspondence, they are welcome to do so. Secretary Bonfonti discussed that most of the correspondence the Environmental Commission received is legal notifications alerting the Township to permit applications being made within the Town.

## 2. Old Business

Chairperson Lippincott began the meeting by discussing that ANJEC would be hosting some live virtual training sessions throughout the month of October if any of the members of the Environmental Commission would like to attend.

Donald Lippincott discussed news from the Planning Board that he felt would also be relevant to the Environmental Commission. He discussed that the warehouse storage unit construction would resume.

Lydia Dodd continued that the state moved the markers for the wetlands, and now the construction can continue.

Bob Knowles inquired about whether the Army Core of Engineers and Department of Environmental Protection have come to a resolution on “sedge island?”

Jack Henderson stated that he believes their plan is to build “sedge island” back up with the dredge materials.

The Environmental Commission continued their meeting by taking a tour of the Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education.

Jack Henderson discussed that there are many environmental highlights at the Lighthouse Center. He discussed that there is a “Hidden Pond” that residents can access by visiting the Lighthouse Center and taking a walk down the path they have carved out for the pond.

Jack Henderson discussed that when you walk to the end of the road in the Lighthouse Center, you reach the water, and there you can see the WADs that have been placed in the water to help build up the shorelines.

Jack Henderson explained that the WADs help with shoreline stabilization, and once the sand and sediment builds up the WADs can be moved back.

Jack Henderson discussed that the pier you can see from the shoreline used to be accessible from the shore. He discussed that the distance that can be seen from the shoreline to the pier is the amount of shoreline that has been lost over the last eight years.

Another highlight Jack Henderson pointed out on the tour was the Eagles nest that could be seen.

The Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education is generally open to the public on Thursdays from about 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

## 3. New Business

No new business.

### Motion to Open for Public Comment:

No public was present at this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Robert Knowles motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Thomas Leaming.

All in Favor: \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Opposed \_\_\_NONE\_\_\_

Meeting Dates 2023 – 5:00 pm  
November 13, 2023

Signed and Submitted:

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Amanda Bonfonti, Secretary  
Environmental Commission

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Date