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**City of Cape May
Environmental Commission Minutes
July 28th, 2026**

ROLL CALL

Michael Jones	Present
Councilmember Steve Bodnar	Present
Gretchen Whitman	Present
Kim Gronendahl	Present
Barbara Meimbresse	Present
Sarah Stevenson	Absent
Randell Nuschke	Present
Jennifer Flamini Keuler	Present
Dr. Rose Traficante	Present
John Boecker	Present
Charlotte Todd	Present
Justine Gaver-Magariel	Absent
David Scheffler Secretary	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES:

The minutes from June 23rd, 2026 – Gretchen Whitman made the motion, Jennifer Flamini Keuler seconded, all approved with no changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Michael Jones – Planning board

- No updates

Councilmember Bodnar- City Council

- Water usage update
 - July holiday weekend set a record of water usage.
 - City reached out to local commercial establishments and asked to cut down on irrigation and water serving practices.
- Lafayette St. Park update
 - Phase 3 is about to begin, the active recreation section of the park.
 - Parking lot construction will begin.
 - Park entrance will begin; this is a green space and the Environmental Commission's options on the design will be asked for.
 - Lighting at the park is designed to work with timers.
- Open Space application will be submitted by the city.
- Proposed development no updates.

Jennifer Flamini Keuler

- Update on horseshoe crab discussion.
 - Start planning programs for 2027.

Gretchen Whitman

- Update on horseshoe crab discussion
 - Would like to partner with other organizations on programs.
 - Recommended city run programs on horseshoe crabs.

David Scheffler

- Dune Day planting location at Beach Patrol Headquarters was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Jones

- Approved of donation to the Nature Center for Monarch Festival.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

DISCUSSION:

Gretchen Whitman.

- Request for more enforcement on water usage.
- With the completion and construction of parks, the maintenance and work force of the parks need to be looked at.
- Would like a wildflower planting at the Cape May Nature Trail entry.

Charlotte Todd

- Request environmental knowledge with Code enforcement staff and training.
- Spoke about Cape May County Herald articles.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, August 25th, 2026, at 11 a.m. in Cape May City Hall auditorium.

David Scheffler

Environmental Commission Secretary

August 17th 2026