

Bradley Beach Environmental Commission

August 3, 2020 07:00 PM

Agenda

- 1.) In attendance—Geoff, Rona, Meredith, Arye, Liz, Dan, John, Brandon Rothrock (Sustainable Jersey Fellow)
- 2.) Welcome
- 3.) Approval of July Meeting Minutes (Below)
 - a. Rona makes motion to approve
 - b. Arye seconds
- 4.) Old Business
 - a. Reschedule of Salem Oak (All)
 - i. (On agenda as a reminder)
 - b. Shade Tree Commission – anyone interested? (John)
 - i. Five showed interest and two alternates
 - ii. Names have been submitted
 - c. Stormwater Ordinance update (John)
 - i. Required per DEP guidelines
 1. To align with new State regulations
 2. Governs what happens on new building lot
 - ii. Brandon will send Stormwater Management Action to EC
 - d. Maritime Forest
 - i. Friends of the Maritime Forest (Meredith)
 1. 501c3 through Littoral Society, will accept donations
 - ii. Field Trip (Al)
 1. Will keep us updated on any new info
 - iii. New fund-raising has been successful from other sources
 - e. LED Lighting Update (Rona)
 - f. Sustainable Jersey Press Release
 - i. Looked great – John did you want to add a quote
 1. John will put in a quote as the Council Liaison
 - ii. Thank you Rona!!!!
 - iii. Gary quote
 1. Meredith will reach out to the Mayor for a quote
 - g. Environmental Justice Education Campaign (Arye/Liz/Geoff)
 - i. Essay Contest
 1. Will need to build out guidelines for this before approaching schools
 2. Can go in environmental justice actions on Sustainable Jersey campaign
 - ii. Scavenger hunt (Geoff)
 1. Educational opportunity
 2. Geared toward families
 3. Still brainstorming
 4. Much uncertainty with COVID (maybe needs to be individual-based)
 5. Maybe we can work some of this into beach cleanups?

- 6. Kids can take pictures at sites
 - h. Resolution to make township fleet electric when replaced (John)
 - i. Came out of last month's discussion – did we want to pursue?
 - ii. Jersey City goal to switch to electric by 2030
 - i. Scavenger Hunt (All)
 - i. Questions below
 - 1. See above (Environmental Justice section) for details
 - j. 2019 Report Update (Meredith/Rona)
 - i. Submitted!
 - k. Complete Streets Technical Assistance Project (Meredith/Liz)
 - i. General Update – Comments/Pictures were due today
 - 1. Virtual walkability study along Main Street in BB
 - 2. Everyone on call pointed out their areas of concern
 - 3. Successful event
 - 4. Focus was on street lights and crosswalks toward a safer street
 - a. Also bikes on sidewalk was an issue that came up
 - i. Anticipating recommendations on potential solutions to this, enhancing bike lanes
 - 5. Bus route
 - a. Possible recommendations on bus stops
 - 6. Surveys will be submitted by tomorrow (August 4th)
 - a. Results will come back in approximately two weeks
 - l. Did I miss anything?
- 5.) New Business
 - a. Bradley Beach Energy Fellow Update (John/Brandon)
 - i. Sustainable Jersey actions
 - 1. Energy tracking and management action
 - a. New buildings added, energy tracked in Borough buildings
 - 2. Fleet inventory action
 - a. EV plug-ins not at stage to pursue
 - 3. Municipal carbon footprint
 - a. 2019 complete
 - 4. Commercial energy efficiency outreach action
 - a. Business Council
 - 5. Community education and outreach action
 - a. Census outreach
 - 6. Renewable government energy aggregation
 - a. Joined Monmouth Energy Hub
 - i. Red Bank (leader), Asbury Park, Eatontown, Freehold Borough
 - 1. Our first step is to pass a resolution accepting Red Bank as lead
 - ii. Opt-out system
 - 7. Municipal on-site solar action

- a. Bradley was SJ spotlight town in 2014 for solar panels on three buildings
 - b. Working to track details on these projects
 - i. Perhaps Environmental Commission should follow back up to keep track of this work (Geoff)
 8. Perhaps Brandon can help set up folder structure in Google Drive or another cloud storage platform to aggregate all SJ application documents
- 6.) Adjourn (XX:XX pm)
 - a. Motion- Geoff
 - b. Second- Rona

Scavenger Hunt Questions:

Where is the oldest tree in Bradley Beach?

Where is there a Maritime Forest?

Where does the water come from to fill Sylvan and Fletcher Lakes?

Do we have a local site that needs environmental remediation?

What is the lowest point to sea level in BB?

Take a picture of three different tree species in Bradley Beach.

Where was the first park in Bradley Beach?

Take a picture of your favorite tree or flower in Bradley Beach

Take a picture of wildlife you found in Bradley Beach

Find a bird's nest either on the beach or in a tree

Take a picture of an invasive species

Where can you find information about piping plovers and seabeach amaranth in town?

