

Bradley Beach Environmental Commission: May Meeting

May 4th, 2020: 07:00 PM

In attendance—Arye, Meredith, Geoff, Rona, Al, Liz, Dan

- 1.) Approval of April Meeting Minutes— Geoff, Rona (seconded)
- 2.) Old Business
 - a. Maritime Forest Pathways Update (Meredith)
 - i. Resolution was passed early April and Al submitted the grant
 - ii. Town attorney pledged \$250
 1. Total budget was \$2,382.16
 - a. All for materials
 2. Possible ways to get more funding using local residents' connections?
 - iii. Waiting to hear back (hoping for August)
 - iv. Geoff asked if we can get more shell for the pathway (shells lost from through traffic)
 1. Shells were written into the proposal (~ 30 cubic yards)
 - v. Possible funding from 5K as well
 - vi. Commission has to dedicate 40 hours of our time in grant
 1. Could be done in a planting event
 - b. Reschedule of Education/Outreach Events (ex. Arbor Day/Salem Oak) (John/All)
 - i. John looking into having the State hold the tree until Fall
 1. Tree is being held by NJDEP currently
 - ii. Was scheduled to be delivered third week of April
 - c. Tree Protection Ordinance Update/Shade Tree Update (John)
 - i. Council felt it wasn't strong enough
 - ii. Redrafting ordinance
 1. Hoping to give authority to Shade Tree Commission to make decisions (on both public and private land)
 2. Al Gubitosi is taking lead on re-writing process (?)
 3. We can follow up to keep this issue on their radar
 - d. LED Lighting Update (Rona)
 - i. Come back to this in August
 - e. Sustainable Jersey Actions Update (Meredith)
 - i. Will email out in separate file
 - ii. Recap of how many points we earned and how many we were short of next certification level
 - iii. After review, we will send to Rona before presenting to Mayor/Council in a report
 - iv. Liz is interested in working on Pb poisoning aspect of Sustainable Jersey action
 1. Liz is running walkable community workshop with grant from Sustainable Jersey
 - a. Liz will notify Commission when workshops are planned (will likely be virtual in near future)
 - f. Charging Station Update (John)

- g. 2019 Report Update (Meredith)
 - i. Will email out in separate file for group review – then to Rona (see above)
 - h. Complete Streets Technical Assistance Project (Meredith)
 - i. Nothing new on this front due to Corona
 - i. Did I forget anything?
- 3.) New Business
- a. Boardwalk/Beach Closures – anything we can do to support the town?
 - i. All sales through app
 - ii. Limit on daily badges
 - iii. Season badges will be granted
 - iv. Planning to open Memorial Day
 - v. Decisions are coming from the OEM team rather than Council
 - vi. Geoff raises concern for trash collection (exposure to DPW workers and reduced staff)
 - vii. Liz raises sanitary concerns about showers
 - viii. Meredith will draft an email with our concerns/questions regarding trash pickup and other issues
 - b. Liz Hernandez
 - i. Local resident interested in joining Commission
 - ii. Works for Monmouth County Health Department
 - 1. Specializes in Pb poisoning/inspection
 - iii. Worked on Main Street Task Force under Master Plan
 - iv. Successful grant funding form Sustainable Jersey ☺
 - c. Vote on Liz joining the Environmental Commission
 - i. Yay—Meredith, Rona, Geoff, Al, Arye, Dan
 - ii. Nay—none
 - d. John put in grant proposal for a Fellow (graduate student) to work on energy audit among other things
 - e. Proposal for Sylvan Lake (Al)
 - i. Both Mayors have signed on (Avon/Bradley)
 - ii. Create a treatment wetland in front of the weir adjacent Main Street
 - iii. Add stepped geotubes to build wetland bench using dredged material
 - 1. Potential to cap toxins or bioremediate where possible
 - iv. Al hopes this can be expanded to other coastal lakes in Monmouth County
 - v. Commission can take the lead on replanting and/or future projects
- 4.) Adjourn
- a. Motion: Rona
 - b. Seconded: Arye, Dan, Geoff
 - c. All in favor—adjourned @ 07:43 PM