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
   ii. 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