

BBEC Meeting Minutes 6/3/2019

In attendance: R. Parker, A. Janoff, D. Leyes, A. Wheeler, G. Curtiss, and M. DeMarco. Council Liaison: J. Weber

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Motion to approve May meeting minutes pending corrections by R. Parker. Seconded by D. Leyes. All approve – unanimous

Discussion about BBEC's current email and contact list. J. Weber and A. Janoff offered to figure out passwords. If not successful, we will reach out to C. Jensen for the required information.

Amanda Wheeler will be staying in Bradley Beach for the summer and will remain as Chair until her move.

M. DeMarco to reach out to Frank Luna about joining the BBEC once a spot on the commission opens up – most likely when A. Wheeler moves out of town. M. DeMarco will let him know about upcoming meetings in case he would like to attend.

J. Weber gives recap of Maritime Forest event, which received coverage by the Coast Star and the Coaster. The BBEC is very happy with the signage. J. Weber will reach out to Mr. Bauer about teaching the commission how to maintain/cut-back Japanese Knotwood.

Amanda Wheeler reported that the liquor store on Main Street by the park is still using plastic bags for their products. K. Barret still has one box of reusable bags left over. Discussion followed about donating the box of reusable bags to the BB Food Pantry or trying to distribute them to summer residents. G. Curtiss asks about how Boardwalk vendors are packaging to-go food. A. Wheeler reports that she has not seen vendors distributing plastic bags but will investigate further. G. Curtiss asks if it is possible to distribute reusable bags when property owners are issued C.O.'s for their rental properties. A. Wheeler will reach out to K. Barret on this issue as part of a larger conversation about summer visitors and their awareness of the new recycling and garbage regulations.

The Mayor's letter on recycling arrived today and the BBEC commissioners who had seen it already were pleased. A. Janoff suggests stating the maximum fines on future communications to help deter people from mishandling their garbage and recycling. M. DeMarco brought an example of Palisades Park's garbage and recycling flyer as a sample of what we could do in the future.

G. Curtiss talks about the event he attended at Sunrise in Neptune and the possibility of the municipality moving to 100% renewable energy. Information is on the Sustainable Jersey website. M. DeMarco will forward the link to the commission members.

D. Leyes reports on Bradley Beach's Sustainable Jersey application. D. Leyes has submitted the application and the next step is to work on actions to get points. A big thank you to R. Parker, D. Leyes, and A. Wheeler for their work submitting the recertification application. D. Leyes reviewed each action with the Commission.

Highlights:

Green Challenge: Bradley Beach does not have a formal pledge. The Plastic Bag Ban and Composting Workshop may fulfill this requirement. The upcoming newsletter may also be a venue for a pledge.

Flooding Risk: the work on Sylvan Lake and Bradley Beach's dunes system

Emergency Communications: Bradley Beach does this and obtaining documentation should be easy.

Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities: Need to investigate the new lifeguard building to see if it would qualify. D. Leyes believes he saw an energy audit on the Borough website that took place in 2016. Bradley Beach may not fit the requirements on this action item.

Improve Public Engagement: Resolution Supporting the Construction of an In-County Processing Facility for Recyclables.

Digitizing Public Information: new borough website, new newsletter (if posted online)

Community Paper Shredding Day: reach out to Fran Metzger – our DPW was present so the County shredding day may be applicable.

Recycling and Waste Reduction: Bag it and Composting Workshops

Discussion about pesticides and if Bradley Beach has an Integrated Pest Management plan. J. Weber to check to see if Borough has one.

D. Leyes asks commission members to look at the actions on the Sustainable Jersey application to determine any actions not marked are eligible for points. The Commission members will look at the website and communicate to the group what actions they will take ownership of completing. D. Leyes volunteered to write the narratives for the Arts section of the application.

J. Weber reports that SE Johnson has submitted an agreement for curbside pickup to the Borough. The Borough has yet to sign the agreement.

Hands across the Sand was a successful event and all who attended were pleased.

Amanda Wheeler brought up the issue of private garbage in public trashcans, especially in the triangle park. J. Weber reports that a resident mentioned this at the Council meeting.

Amanda Wheeler would like to create envelopes or bins for the small tabs, which are on daily beach badges (wristbands). She has noticed many people do not properly dispose of this small piece of material. A. Wheeler will discuss logistics with K. Barrett.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by M. DeMarco. Seconded by R. Parker. All approve – unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.