

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?

