

Bradley Beach Environmental Commission: March Meeting

03/02/2020: 07:00 PM

In attendance—Meredith, Geoff, Dan, Rona, Arye, John

1. February minutes approved—Rona (motion), Geoff (second)
2. Considered changing day of monthly EC meeting
3. Old Business
 - a. Education/Outreach Events (e.g. Arbor Day/Salem Oak)
 - i. John drafted letter to DEP commissioner regarding Arbor Day/Salem Oak plan
 1. Involve BBES and gov't officials involved in event
 - a. School is voting on where tree will be planted
 - b. John will run timing of event by school
 - ii. Rona suggests we have the event with the school, but have a photo op on a weekend for the broader community
 1. Maybe Arts Council can get involved
 - iii. Geoff suggests timing could coincide with Earth Day
 1. Won't work because there is a beach sweep that weekend
 - b. Tree Protection Ordinance/Shade Tree Update
 - i. Ordinance is drafted, not on Council agenda yet
 1. March 24th should be on the agenda
 2. Max removal is three trees, afterwards a penalty is collected, pooled for tree planting purposes
 - a. Arye suggests a one-for-one tree removal/replacement policy, or some type of positive incentive for planting trees on private property (either subsidy from town or property tax deduction)
 - ii. Jackson was looking into what other towns have on the books
 - c. LED Lighting
 - i. Replace bulbs in boardwalk lamps
 - ii. Boardwalk lights are JCPL property
 1. They would be willing to change them
 - a. Replacement must happen in groups of 10-12 lamps
 2. Rona will follow up with JCPL
 - d. Charging Station Update
 - i. Jackson working on what needs to be done on this front
 - e. Beach Sweep Captain
 - i. John suggest Jackson could lead the charge. He has expressed interest in beach/ocean cleanup
 - ii. Takes place April 25th
 - f. Sustainable Jersey Press Release
 - i. Rona put together a framework for plaque for the press release
 - g. 2019 Report
 - i. Put down on paper what Environmental Commission (EC) has done, present to Council
 - ii. We should start brainstorming what we have done in the past year

1. Plastic bag ban
 - a. And continued education related to implementation/adherence
 - b. Gave out more reusable bags
2. Assembly at school
3. Composting workshop (January 26th)
4. Beach sweeps
5. Hands across the sand
6. Maritime forest—agreement, official dedication, signage, next phase, etc.
7. Support and social media education initiative for plastic film recycling program
8. Advocating for shade tree commission
9. Commissioners were involved in the community/school, presented at Bradley Beach Elementary School (BBES) career day
- h. Municipal Green Amendment
 - i. People have the right to clean air/water/environment
 1. Resolution in NJ Assembly/Senate currently
 - ii. Local municipality support (EC and Council) for this, per Delaware Riverkeeper request
 - iii. Motion to vote: Rona; seconded: Dan; none against (6 yays, 0 nays)
4. New Business
 - a. Preparing for sea-level rise and promoting resiliency
 - i. NJPACT (New Jersey Preparing and Assessing Climate Threats)
 1. Want state to consider SLR and Climate Change in everything they do
 2. State will change rules, wants local gov'ts to follow suit
 - ii. Possible educational opportunity for citizens to learn how Bradley Beach will be affected and what we can do regarding adaptation/mitigation
 1. Arye and AI could provide information on this front
 - b. Social Media Education Campaign
 - i. Jackson can compile informational tidbits to shoot out on social media, i.e. plastic film recycling, recycling coach app, etc.
 - c. Make Climate Polluters Pay! Event by Pay up Climate Polluters at Monmouth University (3/10)
 - i. Want towns to pass resolutions for State AG to go after fossil fuel companies
5. Motion to adjourn: Geoff; seconded: Rona
 - a. Meeting adjourned: 07:52 PM