

## 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 from 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