

BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH

RESOLUTION 2021-59

**DEDICATING AND NAMING THE BRADLEY BEACH MARITIME FOREST
IN HONOR OF FORMER MAYOR JULIE SCHRECK**

Mayor Fox offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 40 of the Revised General Statutes of the State of New Jersey, the Borough of Bradley Beach (the “Borough”) is authorized to honor persons who have made significant contributions to the Borough through the dedication of public spaces; and

WHEREAS, Julie Schreck, during her public service as Mayor of Bradley Beach, recognized that the Borough is especially vulnerable to sea level rise as a coastal community; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Mayor Schreck convened numerous planning and town meetings to evaluate alternatives for the 0.4 acre asphalt parking lot adjacent to Fletcher Lake, the Boardwalk and Ocean Avenue within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Schreck provided a strong preference and provided municipal support for the conversion of the parking lot into a Maritime Forest as a demonstration of the resiliency of vegetation to storms and the potential to use the resiliency to further protect the Borough and improve the ecology; and

WHEREAS, the Bradley Beach Maritime Forest, through the establishment of wildlife habitat and resilient plantings, has become an important stopover for migratory birds, serves as an outdoor classroom for environmental education, is considered a model for similar coastal lakes in the State of New Jersey, and has been recognized nationally and received numerous awards;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey hereby dedicate said public lands comprising the Maritime Forest as the “Julie Schreck Maritime Forest of Bradley Beach” in honor of our former Mayor’s vision, dedication and support of this important project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator and Borough CFO are hereby directed to incorporate into future municipal budget processes, as funding is available, appropriations for proper signage and/or memorial structures for said dedication; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, when the public health conditions attendant to the COVID-19 crisis sufficiently improve to do so safely, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey hereby express their intent to hold a dedication ceremony in honor of the “Julie Schreck Maritime Forest of Bradley Beach”.

Seconded by Councilman Weber and adopted upon the following vote:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bonnell	X			
Mr. Gubitosi	X			
Mr. Sexsmith	X			
Mr. Weber	X			
Mayor Fox	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Erica Kostyz, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Bradley Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council at the January 26, 2021 meeting.



Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk