

Bradley Beach Environmental Commission Minutes for Monday, May 6th @ 7:00 p.m.

Present: Geoff Curtiss, Dan Bagley, Liz Hernandez, Kristen Mahoney, Dennis Martenz, Rona Parker, Katelyn Saldutti. Absent: Alek Modjeski

Opening we introduced ourselves with the new members

Discussion about the need for a person to be Secretary for the meetings. It is hard to both chair and take minutes. One suggestion is that we rotate the secretary's role at each meeting.

Report from Council Liaison - Kristen Maloney

We talked about the commission reported to the Council annually. This is something new and Councilwoman Maloney will find a date for us to do this in September or October. We talked about what information should be included in the presentation slides including budget, and completed or ongoing project descriptions. She will also have the website updated.

Rona Parker gave a report the Beach Sweep which the environment commission participated in. 66 persons participated in the Beach Sweep and Rona passed around the report of what was collected. There were 491 bottle caps, and surprisingly many cigar plastic tips. The next Beach Sweep will be in the fall. (October 19th)

The annual Green Fair took place April 21, 2024. BBEC tabled at the event providing a shell painting craft and informational literature including flyers regarding trash and recycling collection. Rona Parker reported that the bottle caps from the beach sweep were set out so that visitors could 'guess how many in the jar'. The winner guessed 493 and will receive a We Care recycled umbrella and COA Happy Feet socks.

Alek Modjeski was not present to give us an update on Sylvan Lake and the REPI grant. We understand that funds have been secured and plans to get started are in process. We need to get an update from Alek.

We talked about lifting up the anniversary of Maritime Forest. We understand that during Alliance Week each council member has taken on a project. The Maritime Forest will be celebrated on June 7th. Rona Parker and Katelyn Saldutti indicated interest in following up on this.

Update on Adopt-a-Drain - Geoff will follow up with an email to see what the next steps might be. Adopt a Drain- the presentation will have to be scheduled for some point down the road. The contact is Ann Zawawistoski (azawistoski01@hamline.edu).

Other items that need following up. Dan Bagley will get the current By-Laws for our commission and share them with us. Kristen Maloney will find out what our budget is for 2024

Rona Parker will contact Sustainable NJ to see when our next application* is due. Last application was 12/14/22 with 160 points awarded. Members would like to learn more about using BBBCA events to earn program "points". We are encouraged to go to [sustainablejersey.com](https://www.sustainablejersey.com) to review our report from 2022

*application cycle information:

<https://www.sustainablejersey.com/certification/2024-certification-cycle/>