

Bradley Beach Environmental Commission

February 1, 2021

In attendance—Arye, Meredith, Geoff, Liz, Rona, Dan, John, Larry Fox (Mayor)

Agenda

- 1.) Welcome
- 2.) Approval of December and January meeting minutes
 - a. Motion: Geoff
 - b. Second: Rona
- 3.) New Business
 - a. BB Strategic Planning Commitments
 - i. Statement on how to coordinate the BBEC, Lake Commissions, and Shade Tree Commissions so all enviro-leaning commissions are working in sync (due March)
 1. Sharing minutes?
 2. Inter-committee meeting w/ representatives from each commission (maybe monthly, quarterly?)
 3. Could we have liaison from each group attend our meetings to report
 - a. Perhaps have spots reserved on the BBEC for liaisons from other commissions
 - i. Maybe two-way so that we report to their committees as well?
 4. Meredith will draft a statement to suggest some of these steps toward better inter-commission communications
 - ii. Environmental Resource Inventory (due June)
 1. Meredith will discuss with Al to see if he would be willing to take the lead on this front
 2. Rona and John are interested in helping out here as well
 - iii. Lake Stability and Standards report (due June)
 1. Recommendations for Strategic Plan
 2. Would be a good test area for our inter-commission communication initiative
 3. Bring in someone more acquainted with lake needs/priority areas?
 4. Dan, Al (?), and Geoff could work on this
 - iv. Community Gardens (due June)
 1. Suggestions on places for establishing a garden
 - a. Summer Diver and Shana Greenblatt Janoff are interested in working on this
 - i. Possibly Fletcher Lake Park
 1. Can it fit there?
 2. What do adjacent neighbors think?
 3. Is there water supply there?
 - b. Belmar has a community garden
 - i. Perhaps we should discuss how they set it up

- c. What we give to the town is a list of possible sites with pros and cons for each site
 - v. % of Shade Tree Coverage in conjunction with Shade Tree Commission (due June)
 - 1. Shade Tree will map out tree distribution in town based on a site survey
 - 2. Percentage of land in town that is covered by trees
 - a. Public only or public and private land?
 - b. Double back with AI on this
 - 3. Maybe we can bring on a University-age intern or fellow to work on this
 - a. Monmouth or Brookdale?
 - b. Energy Aggregation Ordinance
 - i. Food and Water Watch would like to attend our next meeting to discuss this
 - 1. Commission agrees to host them on March BBEC meeting as a guest speaker
 - c. Sustainable Jersey
 - i. Fellow Brandon got quite a few points lined up for us if we want to run with it between now and June. I personally see this as better than doing this in 2022 (an election year)
 - d. We could promote the Recycle Coach App more in town and we could get the plastic film recycling represented in that App. I don't know what's involved but that would update the App and remind more people about the film recycling.
 - i. How can we incorporate this into the Recycle Coach App?
 - ii. Can we get this on Bradley Beach's official social media? Perhaps our BBEC Facebook page?
 - e. Pollinator Pathways
 - i. Geoff has made contact with PP and is waiting to hear back on whether they would be able to come talk to the Commission
 - f. Draft up language to send to Paula and the Business Alliance about the regulations on plastic bag ban
 - i. Possible County program to provide free paper bags through the economic development
 - g. What did I miss?
- 4.) Old Business
 - a. Council Update
 - i. We officially named the Maritime Forest after former Mayor Julie Schreck. There will be a ceremony etc in the Spring. We also got another one of those Sustainable Jersey Fellows working for the town. This was secured by Administrator David Brown, but that person could still be useful to the Commissions and in securing even more Sustainable Jersey Points.
 - b. What did I miss?
- 5.) Adjourn
 - a. Motion: Rona
 - b. Second: Geoff