

BELVIDERE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 24, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Tammy Koop opened the meeting of the Belvidere Environmental Commission at 7:05pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the following notice in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice filed with the Star Gazette and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Belvidere Town Hall, 691 Water Street, Belvidere, NJ.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Tammy Koop, Carolyn Cerbone, Walter Tutka, Andreas Eisenberg, Calvin Thompson

Guest Attendee: Piker Terrance, resident and community activist

Not present Betty Merring, Justin Lutz, Patricia Butler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Carolyn Cerbone, seconded by Calvin Thompson and carried to adopt the May 24, 2018 meeting minutes

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

COMMISSION LOGO CONTEST

Carolyn - Not started, let's push to Fall... Current Logo is OK, people like it.

TREX CHALLENGE

Meeting with Kathy TRES challenge: she is out on vacation, Tammy Koop will check next week.

Where to put bins?

- Put bin @ the school, start promotion?
- Bins around town, food mart, uncle bucks, churches
- Maybe townwide pickup

BELVIDERE AMBULANCE CORPS. SUMMER MARKET

Street market: Is happening, every Saturday from May 12 – August 25.

Tammy Koop checked with Theresa, \$10 a table.

What can we do with table?

- Start TREX collection
- Advertise and collect at national night out

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ACTIVITIES

ANJEC can give materials

Casting contest

Maybe invite fish and game to come out and promote

Collection event – batteries, printer cartridges, Tammy Koop spoke with recycling center and they will only take collection from residents and not towns.

We could manage an electronics collection, and make plan for commission to help get rid of the stuff..

Even we could make \$\$ taking items like appliances to scrapyard.

Maybe we could charge few dollars at collection

TOWN ENGINEER

Collecting points for the town

Like handout in the water bill – storm water education

Clean water, no-mow zone

NEW BUSINESS:

PIKER TERRANCE:

Piker is a Belvidere resident and small business owner, he is an avid fisherman/outdoorsman, has been offering to help teach kids to fish. Piker has posted many times on community Facebook groups offering his knowledge and coaching (free) to children and teens. Piker needs support from community organization.

HOFNOD PROGRAM

Tammy Koop - while researching programs to support Piker's offer, found HOFNOD (hooked on fishing, not on drugs) program for environmental education, fishing, provides fishing gear and training.. leaders need to be trained.. Program's goal is to deter children from drugs and alcohol, and instill life skills and values

Liz Jackson is point of contact, Would need calendar, topics, rod/reel,

There's a fee for leader prep; Then leaders host the classes; Must have designated spot to host class

Leadership class covers, marine life, ecology, river

Maybe we could link up with Mar @ CC, to take advantage of the CC scheduling, enrollment, calendar,

Could later do nature walk events, etc; Piker wants to see more kids at boat launch, picnic table, some TLC, We could organize a cleanup, combine with nature walk.

Carolyn Cerbone - Maybe we could engage boy scouts –

Let's start by advertising on Facebook... need to first gather details about the organization, timing, cost.. Carolyn will post on facebook group.

Tammy Koop - will get details and fliers

Carolyn Cerbone - will post on FB

Will Need 2-3 adults as leaders; Need minimum 8 participants, 10-12 is optimal, ages 7-10, but ideal for 10-16

Carolyn Cerbone – suggests opening up to White township children; Maybe depending on level of interest, we could have two groups: junior + teen

Walter Tutka – could link up with pequest hatchery; Fishing at hatchery pond offered

Piker – many events already at hatchery

Walter Tutka- "Fish for free day" coming up in June at hatchery; March there is an event for trout opening; The trout is stocked in fall and every Friday, big trout in the pequest

Kalvin - What about insurance, liability ?

Walter - There is a form liability

Piker – would be nice to see some docks, and opened up

Walter Tutka – there's limitations since state property, and then a money thing, though DPW has previously helped out

Piker – There are many grants available to help with funding.

Carolyn Cerbone – mother could write for grant

Grant money for town cleanup – no money available, well it is reserved for other cleanup activities
Like DPW collection events: not well advertised.

BEES

Available all June on 6pm Monday, near end of month

CC will supply table and chairs

Mark and Ellen are good POC, Carolyn Cerbone has # and uncle as a bee Expert will come and give some basic information

Another Bee expert in Belvidere, we can engage other Bees experts.

KALVIN TO RESUME BEC SECRETARY

Approved

Earth Day 2019

Let's pick a spot, we can register for any spot.. Probably should go diagonal from 2018 spot, under shade.. To be determined

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at this time.

A motion was made by Calvin Thompson, seconded by Carolyn Cerbone and carried to adjourn the meeting of the BEC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalvin Thompson

Belvidere Environmental Commission Secretary