

BELVIDERE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Tammy Koop opened the meeting of the Belvidere Environmental Commission at 7:04 pm 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, Calvin Thompson, Betty Merring, Patricia Butler, Carolyn Cerbone, Andreas Eisenberger

Not present: Walter Tutka, Justin Lutz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Calvin Thompson, seconded by Betty Merring and carried to adopt the June 28, 2018 meeting minutes

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

KEEPING IT REEL PROGRAM

Training this weekend July 28/29 8:30 – 5pm sat/sun, Piker and Tammy to attend

Will get materials and ideas, and figure out schedule

Meet your leaders this past weekend, only one visitor Leslie mutchler, interested in signing up grandchild. Heather stokes could not show (two daughters).. So far up to six children interested.

Need 24 meetings per year, need to determine schedule. Thinking Sundays at noon. To be finalized

TREX CHALLENGE

Ann + Kathy took up another run, we are at 245 lbs after 2 weigh-ins
Dog food bags are not accepted

Bubble wrap is accepted too

ABMULANCE CORPS SUMMER FAIR

Moved location, finally cancelled.

BEES

Program was a success. 24 attendees, good attendance and feedback.

Need to come up with more like this.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tammy scored 30 recycled material bags and recycling information sheets to give out.

Town engineer gave us flyers for storm water education.

Activities –

Tammy scored fishing poles, Calvin scored magnetic fish, we have kid pool

Calvin will build prize wheel

Idea is to give kids – adult chance to play, in exchange for a prize.

Ask a question, ranging in complexity... let them take a stab at it .. give prize anyway

Carolyn and patty will find questions/ facts

Patty found questions easily on internet

We will have HOFNOD flyers / TREX flyers

Kathy Luton will sit near us and share collection bin

Betty said we should advertise the collection of plastic on facebook

Let's not have the coloring pages.

Water for the fishing pond – where to get it, what to do with it after..

Collect rain, water flowers after... Need sign to tell.

Carolyn will collect water, Calvin will bring it down, will water plants

EARTH DAY 2019

Still some time to plan – spot is reserved

Methodist church side requested more foot traffic...

NJ ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

Calvin looking for grants, in progress

Carolyn can help setup Jake to help sponsor a federal grant.

Sustainable New Jersey – lot of grants available

DSM UPDATE

Emailed Tammy, looking at August- October for a CAP meeting, we would be invited and FED.
Betty asked how big is CAP committee.. Andreas thinks maybe 4 people.
Carolyn – thinks October would be better

SOLAR PROJECT

Going to start Collaborative effort with Community center, to put municipal bldgs. And streetlights on solar. Starting with cost – benefit assessment, searching for free money (grants)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Mason, came to drop off some materials - said there's a lot of equipment available at the Clerks office, in the closets at municipal building. There' Banners available,

Brought pamphlets and some supplies. Brought some recycling files and information. Offered to share information and help. We could use a bailer to compress all the plastic.

Would like to see a collection happening at the school

School should have a recycling coordinator per building, someone usually appointed

Carolyn said there's a point of contact – Lory, can share the contact information

Walt – when is next trip to Blairstown to deliver plastic.

Just went today, @ 245lbs after 2 trips

A motion was made by *Carolyn Cerbone* seconded by *Patricia Butler* and carried to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalvin Thompson

Belvidere Environmental Commission Secretary