

BELVIDERE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 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,

Not present Walter Tutka, Justin Lutz, Carolyn Cerbone, Andreas Eisenberger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Patricia Butler, seconded by Betty Merring and carried to adopt the July 26, 2018 meeting minutes, with correction:

Correction: During August 26 BEC Meeting, Betty volunteered to find and submit trivia questions for NNO

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

KEEPING IT REEL PROGRAM

Tammy recapped the training she and Piker attended on July 29 weekend.

Elana from fish and wildlife offered to host a nature walk.

Still looking for volunteer participants. Some parents took pamphlets and registration forms during NNO.

Carolyn signed up her son.

Betty suggested asking teachers to announce after first weeks of school

Maybe we can ask schools to send pamphlets and registration

Kalvin shared electronic registration form to Heather Stokes, asked her to share online.

TREX CHALLENGE

Has been an overwhelming success, nearly 500lbs in just 6 weeks.

Mayor gave a special mention at last council meeting

With the excess over 500lbs, we'll continue to collect and give to help Hope to reach their goal.

Betty suggested to start sharing with White township after Hope.

Probably already 300 pounds at Katie Luton's house, still to be taken and weighed

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Was a success, helped be to near the children's face painting as our table saw a lot of traffic

Next year should have two pools.

EARTH DAY 2019

We will expand on NNO activities.. Have at least another pool for the fishing game, use the trivia wheel.

Work on the trivia; give some stronger questions- prize strategy.

We have earth day stickers and other giveaways left- from the collection that Nancy gave us, and much more

DSM UPDATE

Tammy's husband met them at NNO, they came to speak to Tammy.

They offered to have the BEC come for a visit, we'll take one of our meetings there, still to be arranged.

NJ ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

Kalvin found some grants, particularly ones offered by Sustainable NJ.

Prerequisite to be eligible for most grants offered by sustainable NJ, is for municipality to have a 'Green Team'

To have a green team, there must be a resolution passed to allow one (we think there already is one, pending answer)

Belvidere used to have a green team, waiting to see if it's expired ..

Green team can be anybody, we can be green team, or other interested townspeople.

Need to follow-up with town, to know if green team resolution is passed and who is left of green team.

Next submission deadline for sustainable NJ clean energy grant is October 31.

SOLAR PROJECT

RE: Bringing solar power to Belvidere-owned buildings, and solar panels on streetlights.

Kalvin has been meeting with Mark Young and Matt Hoyt every 2 weeks.

Learning how to approach such an effort, working on a feasibility analysis. Calvin found related municipal grant (deadline Oct 31) which could help with funding.

Still gathering information to be able to estimate savings. Next Meeting September 6th

Topic for next seminar at CC@B

Looking for ideas for next education event by the BEC, to be hosted at the CC@B

Tammy found information on the NJ Watershed Ambassadors program and at the farmers fairs

Also got information on the Warren county mosquito control commission.

Kalvin has neighbor who is mosquito expert.. Maybe next spring/summer is more appropriate for mosquito education..

A motion was made by *Tammy Koop* seconded by *Betty Merring* and carried to adjourn the meeting of the Belvidere Environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalvin Thompson

Belvidere Environmental Commission Secretary