

**BELVIDERE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 27, 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: Patricia Butler, Carolyn Cerbone, Andreas Eisenberger, Tammy Koop, Calvin Thompson, Walter Tutka, Betty Merring

Not Present: Justin Lutz

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **motion** was made by Patricia Butler, seconded by Betty Merring and carried to adopt the August 23, 2018 meeting minutes.

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS**

**KEEPING IT REEL PROGRAM**

Two children registered, possible Leslie mutchler.

Tammy's neighbors could be interested, two children interested in environmental.

Carolyn's daughter.

If winter is mild, we could still manage outside activity, but many indoor activities we could do.

Tammy learned some fun educational projects at HOFNOD training.

### **TREX CHALLENGE**

So far, over 1000lbs collected.

We are trying to collect pictures, Carolyn suggested sending to congressman and/or press.

Tammy has photo of Kathie's garage full of plastic.

Presbyterian church has applied for next TREX challenge.

Carolyn: many people still don't know we're collecting, much opportunity. We could contact Lehigh valley live to get some press, to get other towns to catch on and follow.

### **NJ WATERSHED AMASSADOR PROGRAM**

Tammy contacted looking for presentations, materials. They returned offering many free education programs like make your own rain barrel. Walter curious if they supply materials, or if people bring their own.

### **ANJEC WORKSHOP FOR EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONS**

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, free for ANJEC members. Calvin & Tammy will try to attend. Carpool if other BEC people will come.

### **GREEN TEAM**

Tammy found original resolution passed, and emailed people originally interested. The original GREEN TEAM was assembled in 2012, effective through end of 2012 or unless replaced by newly appointed team.

Would be nice to involve many people outside of the BEC.

We need Green Team status for Sustainable NJ grants & sponsored activities.

Carolyn said she can help gather people to join.

### **SOLAR PROJECT**

Meeting every two weeks with Marc Young, Matt Hoyt, Calvin.

Walter – fossil fuel plants shutting down, NJ leader in solar now.

Carolyn – Solar generates jobs

Panels on streetlights unlikely, unsightly. JCP&L rents streetlight poles to belvidere.

Panels on community center roof unlikely, no room to put panels on property.

Still opportunity for Municipal building, Belvidere Manor – there is open field in between.

Added school to the project.. the roof is not good for panels, but there is much unused land for opportunity.

School board – Carolyn offered to attend school board meeting to help get buy-in for School solar project.

Next Council meeting Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

Send official proposal to Mayor, on new green team.

Walt – Covanta, do they have anything for testing air, soil, water.

Tap water testing, yearly by NJ American water

Carolyn – county has some department.

#### **DSM UPDATE FOR CAP MEETING**

Tammy still has not heard back from her contact, supposed to be scheduled in October

Carolyn has contact who could give a beeswax related seminar.

#### **OTHER UPDATES**

Tammy, Calvin, Patty – Attended ANJEC Stormwater Education seminar on September 20.

**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