

**BOROUGH OF OAKLAND**  
**Environmental Commission**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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**February 7, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Environmental Commission opened on Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436.

**ROLL CALL:**    **Present:**        **Vice Chairman Erich Kamm, Matthew Shook, Bill Eilert,  
Tony Bertuna, Council Liaison Pat Pignatelli,  
Borough Secretary Michael Carelli.**

**Absent:**            **Chairman Lee Haymon, Jerri Angermueller.**

On motion of Erich Kamm, seconded by Tony Bertuna, Lee Haymon and Jerri Angermueller be excused.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

January 10, 2023

On motion of Tony Bertuna, seconded by Bill Eilert, the above listed minutes be approved as modified and discussed.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Vice Chairman Erich Kamm opened for public comment.

No public present.

Vice Chairman Erich Kamm closed the public session.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Borough Council:** Councilman Pignatelli advised the Commission that he consulted with the Borough Administrator about the Bi-County acquisition grant, but later learned that Bi-County has several further appeal options, so they will not be willing to sell right now. It was reported that the Sanitary Sewer Decommissioning Project is expected to be complete in August of 2023. The Borough is awaiting permitting from the NJDEP for the PFAS Compound Treatment Systems Project. Councilman Pignatelli added that the Borough has asked for an expedited permitting process from the NJDEP. The Borough is ready to proceed with construction upon obtaining all required permits.

**Open Space:** Councilman Pignatelli reported that the owner of the Sandy Beach parcel still remains a non-willing seller.

**Great Oak Park:** The Band Shell is pending installation this Spring of 2023.

**Green Team:** Borough Secretary Michael Carelli advised that the Green Team collected over 500 pounds at their last Styrofoam Drive. Outdoor Hikes are held on the first Sunday of the month at the Skyline Drive Ramapo Lake Loop. The Community Garden will be opened in the coming weeks for the growing season. It was suggested that the Commission holds a joint meeting with the Green Team sometime in the near future.

**Planning Board/Board of Adjustment:** Councilman Pignatelli advised that the Hovnanian Development would be voted on this week. The group will take an outdoor hike at the sand pits and behind the High School.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Erich Kamm will work with the Commission offline to develop a butterfly garden educational program. It was suggested to launch the program at the Oakland Carnival. Matthew Shook will prepare Open Space Inventory samples for the next meeting. Michael Carelli advised that the Commission has received an email regarding Stewarts Woods and the poor condition that it is in. It was suggested that the Commission focus on the property during the annual cleanup event. The Borough will contact local tree companies to ask for donations of wood chips as well. Michael Carelli will look into purchasing trail markers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business reported.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Vice Chairman Erich Kamm opened for public comment.

No members of the public present.

Vice Chairman Erich Kamm closed the public session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

William Eilert set forth the motion, seconded by Erich Kamm, to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Michael Carelli  
Borough Secretary

The next Environmental Commission Meeting is scheduled for:  
**March 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436**