

The May meeting of the Oakland Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Lee Haymon at 7:40 PM Tuesday, 5/05/09. Members present Mark Ostapczuk, Darren Ward, Nancy Krause, Erich Kamm and Al LoPilato.

1. New Business

- a. **Trail Grant** – Mike Miner of the Oakland Rec. Comm. had presented a walking/biking path plan, prepared by Ed Clark of the Shade Tree Commission, to the OEC for co-support. The plan showed a path following the boundaries of the Rec. baseball fields starting near the Senior Center and leading to the Ramapo River at the end of Oak St. OEC members reviewed the plan and agreed to support the Rec. Comm.'s effort to apply for a trail grant for this project. Darren Ward agreed to be liaison between the Environmental and Recreation Commissions on this project.
- b. **Green Team** – Erich Kamm & Lee H. produced a memo requesting certain members which the OEC would like to see represented on Oakland's Green Team. This list was discussed by the members of the OEC. Erich will tie the selected groups into Actions which need to be completed by the Team in order to earn 100 Sustainable Jersey points for Certification by November 2009.
- c. **Sustainability Selection** – Sustainability Actions will be correlated with volunteers on the Team. Erich will update his memo and present the OEC's final recommendations to the Mayor for his further action in appointing members of the Green Team.
- d. **Low Carbon Diet Teams** – Nancy is working with various Faith groups in town on Low-carbon Diet programs and meetings. A meeting for EC members and other interested residents from our recent Green Forum, the start for these groups, was set for Thursday 5/21/09, 7:30 PM at Erich's.
- e. **OEM River Cleanup** – Sunday, May 17 at 8 AM in the Yawpo Fire House is the start of the town-wide clean-up along the Ramapo River. This is also a practice for Oakland's Emergency Agencies in case of a catastrophe in or along the river. Al LoPilato offered to connect with Roy Bauberger and Dave Potash for participation of OEC members in this program. It is scheduled to run till 12 noon, followed by a barbeque at the Fire House.
- f. **YES Borough Cleanup** – Saturday, May 16, 8:30 AM at the Valley Middle School is the start of the YES group's annual cleanup. Any resident can take part by contacting Judy Vihonski at VMS
- g. **Franklin Lakes ERI Meeting** - Erich Kamm attended Franklin Lakes' public Environmental Resource Inventory meeting. An ANJEC 50-50 grant helped provide an engineer for this project.

2. Old Business

- a. **Riverwalk Cleanup and Planting** – This OEM held a cleanup and Arbor Day shrub-planting by Potash (Schuyler) Lake on Saturday, April 25th at 10 AM. A Barberry bush and a juniper were provided by the Commission, from Riverside Nursery, and planted at the end of the lake path. Clean-up was performed by various members with items, starting with a tire and a pool-liner. The DPW assists the OEC by disposing of our full bags.
- b. **Recycling Update** – Michael Kozak e-mailed that he wants the OEC to consider how it can make the Bergen County composting bins more accessible to residents locally, rather than only at BCUA in Little Ferry or at BCCC in Paramus on certain limited occasions.
- c. **Open Space Update** – The Tamarack site is believed to still be in need of a clean-up by the County, or with the help of the Borough. Darren Ward plans to check on the current condition. Up-dating the Suburban News on its condition could help provide public attention and response.
- d. **Town Fair Participation** – The Town Carnival is scheduled for July 23, 24, 25 (Thursday-Saturday) on the Oakland Rec. Fields. The OEC has been invited to join the Shade Tree Comm. and the Board of Health in the shared use of a table for providing information to the residents. Mark Ostapczuk has 250 Bergen County recycled shopping bags to distribute. Al LoPilato has refillable water bottles for the Carnival guests. A program of information needs to be planned.

3. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a. **Current Projects** – The Fanale Project at 127 McCoy Road will have a continued public hearing for a preliminary and final subdivision & use request at the next Board of Adjustments meeting.
- b. **Meeting Schedule** - the next meeting of the Board of Adjustments is Tuesday, April 14th 8PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. Minutes submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller