

BOROUGH OF OAKLAND
Environmental Commission
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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December 6, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Environmental Commission opened on Tuesday December 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Chairman Lee Haymon, Erich Kamm, Jerri Angermueller, Bill Eilert, Tony Bertuna, Council Liaison Pat Pignatelli, Borough Secretary Michael Carelli.**

Absent: **Karen Lanza, Matthew Shook.**

On motion of Erich Kamm, seconded by Jerri Angermueller, Karen Lanza and Matthew Shook be excused. .

ALL IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 1, 2022

On motion of Erich Kamm, seconded by Tony Bertuna, the above listed minutes be approved.

ALL IN FAVOR.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Lee Haymon opened for public comment.

No public present.

Chairman Lee Haymon closed the public session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Borough Council: Councilman Pignatelli advised that the Borough Council is hearing a Cannabis Cultivation License at the December 7, 2022 Council Meeting.

Open Space: There is a potential sale of the Hovan Tract, which is zoned for residential. Erich Kamm suggested reaching out to the property owners to see what it would take to preserve the property. Councilman Pignatelli will bring forth to the Governing Body.

Great Oak Park: The Band Shell is pending installation.

Green Team: Borough Secretary Michael Carelli advised that the Green Team has achieved silver certification for 2022. The Green Team will be recycling Christmas lights for 2022. The Green

Team is hosting an Outdoor Hike on January 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Skyline Drive Lower Parking Lot.

Planning Board/Board of Adjustment: Chairman Lee Haymon advised that a public hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

2023 Meeting Dates: Borough Secretary Michael Carelli distributed the 2023 Meeting Dates, which were previously voted upon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Term Expirations: Borough Secretary Michael Carelli distributed the Commission roster. Tony Bertuna, Karen Lanza, and Bill Eilert have to reapply for new terms in 2023.

2023 Projects:

Butterfly Garden: Chairman Lee Haymon suggested working on rehabilitating the butterfly garden in Great Oak Park in 2023.

Trails: It was suggested for Matthew Shook to work on the Trail Map in Great Oak Park in 2023.

Wildlife Education: Erich Kamm suggested developing outreach materials for wildlife planting techniques and practices. Mr. Kamm reviewed a webinar that he attended. Mr. Carelli will distribute the webinar. It was suggested to push composting initiatives.

Recycling: Borough Secretary Michael Carelli advised that the Borough has a new Recycling Coordinator and it might be worth reaching out to him to attend a meeting.

GIS Mapping: Chairman Lee Haymon will research opportunities and a plan moving forward.

Carnival: The Commission will plan to attend the Carnival for 2023.

Spotted Lanternfly: Chairman Lee Haymon suggested looking at removing trees that house Spotted Lanternfly. It was also suggested to coordinate an invasive species pull for 2023.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Lee Haymon opened for public comment.

No members of the public present.

Chairman Lee Haymon closed the public session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jerri Angermueller set forth the motion, seconded by Commissioner Tony Bertuna, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Carelli
Borough Secretary

The next Environmental Commission Meeting is scheduled for:
January 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436