

Oakland Environmental Commission

January 8, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by Nancy Krause at 7:35 PM. Alex Myers, David Blanke and Carol Peterson were present. All others were excused. Councilman Pignatelli attended.
2. Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the open public meetings law, duly announced, advertised, and posted in the municipal building.
3. Open to public – No comments from the public.
4. Meeting Minutes Review from 11-13-18, 12-4-18. Minutes were reviewed and need final approval.

5. Old Business

- a. Potash Lake Recreation Area sign - Nancy Krause reported that the Recreation Commission is submitting paperwork to have the approved version of the Potash Recreation Area sign ordered and installed on West Oakland Ave entrance to the area. Installation is expected to take place soon.
- b. Long Hill Brook trout – Carol Peterson will investigate whether young trout are actually to be found in the C-1 Long Hill Brook that feeds into the Ramapo River.

6. New Business

- a. Annual Accomplishments Letter – Letter was reviewed, amended and approved by Commissioners. The letter was given to the Councilman for his Council report.
- b. EC Self-Assessment – David Blanke distributed copies of the worksheet from ANJEC for discussion. He asked that each Commissioner fill out a form and, within 2 weeks, and return it for a report he will compile by the next meeting.

7. Committee Updates

- a. Junior EC member update - Calli O’Neal was not present. She is still accepting comments on her website.
- b. Town Council Update - Pat Pignatelli reported that the Borough has been contacted by the attorney of the Sandy Beach property owners. The attorney wants to discuss the report on the constraint mapping evaluation that the Borough authorized.
The Councilman also reported that the Borough has been invited to send representatives to an NJDEP meeting in Trenton on C-1 streams. The meeting is being held January 17th.
- c. Great Oak Park Update – Nancy Krause, Erich Kamm, Carol Peterson and David Blanke attended the last Park Committee meeting. Nancy reported that the results were positive. Mike Guadagnino allowed that the Environmental Commission to send an extra representative to the meetings. A common clean-up in the spring is hoped for.
- d. Green Team Update - Carol Peterson is planning a Styrofoam info class at the Library on February 10th at 2 PM. She could use more instructors. Also the group is collecting TREX # 4 bags toward a park bench made of recycled plastic.

- e.* Recycling Update – Recycle Coach is an on-line app which keeps residents informed about recycling dates and items which can be recycled.
- f.* Open Space Update – A report has been publicized that says the NJ Supreme Court has upheld the contract between Bi-County and Oakland, allowing construction on 40 acres, belonging to Bi-County, between Long Hill Road and Wayne. Nancy Krause plans to send another request to the Mayor & Council to consider purchase of the property if possible.
- g.* Communications - Gina Mayer-Costa is requesting winter articles. Current topics include the ash tree borer repercussions, and the new Potash Lake sign.

8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a.* Current Projects
- b.* **Review Plans** – A plan for demolition and construction of a commercial building and extended parking lot at 53 Spruce St. has been submitted to the Planning Board. Commissioners will review this for environmental issues. Alex Myers offered to write up comments.

9. Budget Status – The budget is under consideration by the Borough.

10. Close Meeting - Meeting was adjourned at 9 PM. Next meeting February 5, 7:30 PM. Minutes are submitted by secretary Jerri Angermueller