

Oakland Environmental Commission

February 2, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Nancy Krause at 7:35 PM. Members present were Alex Myers, Lee Haymon, Mark Ostapczuk, and Peter Tuohy. Erich Kamm arrived at 8:25 PM. Mike DaSilva, Michael Kozak and Gina Mayer-Costa were excused.
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. **Reorganization** – Nancy Krause was elected Chairperson. Mark Ostapczuk was elected Vice Chairperson. Jerri Angermueller was elected Secretary.
4. **Open to public** – No public attended.
5. **Meeting Minutes** Review from 12-08-15 approved with amendments.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Pilgrim pipeline status** – Oakland and Mahwah’s Mayors& Councils have approved an “unregulated pipeline ban” each, drafted by attorney Brian Chewcaskie.
 - b. **Potash Lake Recreation Area/Snags** – A future ANJEC grant application may be considered for this area.
 - c. **Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/** Nature guide/map – Discussion by Commissioners on details of the pamphlet is needed.
 - d. **Statewide Water plan** – Mark Ostapczuk contacted an ANJEC representative. NJ Water Plan needs to be publicized for open discussion. Governor’s approval is required to proceed.
 - e. **Open space stewardship grant** – Work on a grant application can start this year. A herpetologist could be hired to certify vernal pools on open-space lands in Oakland.
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Annual accomplishments 2015** Nancy presented a draft of a report. This was discussed.
 - b. **Annual goals for 2016** – The FLOW Green film festival will be taking place throughout April. Ramapo High School will also be working on the festival for Sustainable Jersey credits. Further goals: Stewart Woods Eagle Scout project, cooperation with Bergen County concerning Tamarack property, progress on Bi-County property being preserved as open space, an entrance sign for Potash Lake boat ramp and park, determining possibility of solar panels on public buildings, and cooperation with Planning Board including comments on ordinance reviews and master plan review.
8. **Committee Updates**
 - a. **Town Council Update** – No report
 - b. **Great Oak Park Update** - Lee attended the last meeting. The Park is closed for the winter to vehicle traffic. An Eagle Scout project for a loop route around the C-1 stream is planned. Sav-a-Tree is monitoring the Great Oak tree. Phase II work did not include cleaning up a transformer at Potash Lake Park (off West Oakland Ave). Progress will follow Phase II work. A spring clean-up event is being planned with the Park Committee, Environmental Commission and YES group.
 - c. **Green Team Update** – YES group’s future plans will be investigated and help offered.
 - d. **Recycling Update** – Recycling coordinator will be contacted for latest results.
 - e. **Open Space Update** Bi-County/ Property -Advisory committee meeting was postponed. This Commission could approach Administration to plan funding of open-space purchase.
 - f. **Communications** – website/crossroads – Peter Tuohy is working on a CrossRoads article. The Borough has a Facebook page and will soon have a new website.

9. **Planning Board/Board of Adjustment** Update – Board advised the Borough Council that an unregulated pipeline ordinance was not in conflict with Oakland’s Master Plan.
 - a. **Current Projects** – ShopRite is looking for approval to install a gas-fueled co-generation system at 14 Post Road.
10. **Budget Status** – Discussion with Mayor& Council ongoing. ANJEC dues are pending.
11. Close Meeting at 8:50 PM. Next meeting Tuesday March 1, 7:30 PM. Minutes were submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller.