

Oakland Environmental Commission

February 6, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Gina Myer-Costa, Lee Haymon, Erich Kamm, Michael Kozak, Kevin Mauro, and Alex Myers were present. Mike DaSilva was excused. Council liaison Pat Pignatelli was not able to attend.
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 public was present.
4. Meeting Minutes Review from 1-2-18 – Minutes approved with amendments.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Potash Lake Recreation Area –sign – Members will research possible cost of sign.
 - b. Stewart Woods Nature guide/map – Members had reviewed Nancy Krause’s proposed guide. It will be made available as is for the opening in April. Additions will be accepted for future versions. This will be available on the Borough website
 - c. Student member of EC proposal – Wyckoff has a resolution that Oakland could use. Nancy will present this to the Mayor& Council for possible approval.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Annual accomplishments – Amendments were made to the draft version. The Chair will distribute the report to Mayor& Council.
 - b. Team Up to Clean Up! – The annual event will be Saturday, April 21st starting at 9AM at Valley Middle School with refreshments. Following the clean-up of the public parks, lunch will be available at Stewart Woods. New trail map/guide will be introduced and presented to the public. Public Events Committee will be contacted for help with providing refreshments. A tree planting in memory of Don Wilson provided by the Shade Tree Commission is also planned to be done at Stewart Woods at noon.
 - c. FLOW Green Film Festival – The schedule for the 2018 Green Film Festival was reported. A flyer for the 4 Thursdays in March has been posted to the website. 3 films will be shown at the Wyckoff Public Library and 1 at Ramapo High School.
7. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Town Council Update – No report
 - b. Great Oak Park Update – Lee Haymon reported on progress. Clean-up is ongoing and will continue with the Team-up to Clean-up event and preparations for the Great Lawn and Band shell. More tree plantings are expected. The DEP decision on all uses of the Park is expected by March.
 - c. Green Team Update – Kevin Mauro reported that Bergen County is planning a hub for all County Green Teams to share ideas. Activity needs to be on-going. A Sustainable Jersey grant for a park sign by Potash Lake is a possibility. FLOW Green Film Festival should be used to earn SJ points.
 - d. Recycling Update – flyer/battery recycling – Vice Chair Gina updated the flyer for the new dual stream pick-up schedule. Potential recycling violations by the haulers can be reported to the County duty officer at 201-634-2804.
 - e. Open Space Update (Bi-County/Property/Tamarack/Sandy Beach) – Sandy Beach walk through with members of the Bergen County Open-Space Trustees is taking place Saturday, 2/10/2018, at 9:30 AM. The Trustees are evaluating the possibility of approving the Borough’s grant application for the property.

f. Communications – website/crossroads – Gina has drafted a newsletter to be linked to the Borough Website. She will ask for Borough approval.

8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

a. Current Projects – 2 minor applications were approved. Wawa application is still open.

9. Budget Status – ANJEC dues are due to be paid.

10. Close Meeting - Next meeting March 6, 7:30PM. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.
Minutes submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller