

Oakland Environmental Commission

March 5, 2013

1. Open to the Public Meeting at 7 PM at the Oakland Public Library. Members present were Nancy Krause, Michael Kozak, Mike Lynch, Erich Kamm and Gina Mayer-Costa.
2. **Presentation by Debbie Kratzer for the Natural Resource Inventory.**
 - a. Presentation – Debbie displayed digital maps which will be part of the NRI
 - b. See comments and action plans made following NRI presentation on page 2.
 - c. Presentation finished by 8pm, then proceeded to Municipal Building to finish meeting.
3. **New Business** – Meeting continued 8:10 in Borough Hall conference room.
 - a. **Earth Day Project** - Prepare Stewart's Woods Trail for wood chips.
 - i. Site and date- Saturday April 20 – spread woodchips on the trail. Nancy will contact DPW to request a chipper for dead trees on site or contact a local tree service company.
 - b. **Stewart's Woods Update** – Meet for further trail development March 23rd, 9 -11 AM in Dogwood Hills School lower parking lot. March 30th was considered as an alternate date.
 - i. Curb side Oak Trees – Shade Tree Commission was contacted to provide oak trees for planting. Their trust funds provide for trees in public areas of the Borough.
 - ii. Interpretive stations – Mark Ostapczuk will contact Martin Treich to find Eagle Scout candidates who would be interested in a trail sign project. Project should include schools.
 - iii. Map Out Trails – GIS readings should be included in QR code. Benches were proposed
 - c. **Great Oak Park Update** – A letter from Borough engineer explained that the previously paved areas of the park could continue to be used for parking and access.
 - i. Plans for Use – Plans for a skate park, pump-track for BMX bikes, and a dog park were discussed at the public meeting 2/26/2013. Track building needs soil-moving permits.
 - d. **Tamarack Bike Trail Progress** – Al LoPilato and Darren Ward will continue work on this.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Green Team Update**
 - i. What's next – Franklin Lakes Environmental Commission is having a Sustainable Jersey speaker at the Franklin Lakes Public Library on Sunday April 21st, 1 - 4 PM for Earth Day.
 - b. **Recycling Update** – People are curious about no-sort pickup. Recycling in Oakland is increasing according to Michael Kozak and Eugene Mac Mahon, Recycling Coordinator.
 - c. **Open Space Update** – The Chairwoman and secretary are attending an Open-Space Rally sponsored by NJ Conservation Foundation in Newark Saturday.
5. **Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update**
 - a. **Current Projects** – Solar panel ordinance – Nancy Krause wrote a comment proposal to the Planning Board. Members can compare the statement to ANJEC's sample statement. No tree-lot clearing should be emphasized. She will ask Lee Haymon to present as liaison to the Planning Board.
 - b. **Meeting Schedule** – Next Planning Board meeting will include discussion of a Complete Streets Program and an Accessory Structure Ordinance being considered.
6. **Budget Status** – ANJEC dues and open-space rally attendance are scheduled to be paid.
7. **Meeting Minutes Review** from 2/5/2013 and Annual Summary were tabled.
8. **Close Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. Minutes submitted by secretary Jerri Angermueller

Comments from NRI map presentation

1. Can cell tower locations be added to map– one at 1 Thornton Rd
2. Also add to map gas lines, rail roads, and electric lines
3. Check on discharge treatment facilities – location and how much discharge and are they still in operation
4. size of Brownfield sites – get block and lot numbers
 - b. check on status of each
 - c. check on each contaminated site
5. check on name of Watershed
6. Does Wetland map include transition area?
7. Check on the area required for vernal pool protection
8. Need to work on bird lists
9. Mammals of Oakland
10. Do we have any special concern plants?
11. What is the most common invasive species we have?
12. Any Special Issues to be added to the report??
13. Check on names of:
 - a. lakes
 - b. rivers
 - c. streets
14. Shaded relief map – would like increased readability
15. Improve steep slopes map – Highlands may have better map