

Oakland Environmental Commission

April 4, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Members present were Alex Myers, Gina Mayer-Costa, and Mike DaSilva. Members excused were Lee Haymon, Michael Kozak, Kevin Mauro, and Joshua Lurie. Sandra Coira attended as council liaison
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 – Matt Fishman attended as Boy Scout with troop 49. He would like to be involved with the Team up to Clean up and other Commission activities to earn a badge for Community Action.
4. Meeting Minutes Review from 3-7-17 Minutes were read and tabled to May.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Pilgrim pipeline status – No report on the March 30th CAPP event held in Oakland
 - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area - Eagle Scout projects – No progress report.
 - c. Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map – Nancy Krause submitted the ANJEC grant application for the completion of the trail guides for this park.
 - d. Film Fest – Speakers and films have brought good attendance.
 - e. Team up, To Clean Up 2017 – Starts 9 AM at VMS Cafetorium. Scout Troop #49 was invited to take part. Sign-ups are taking place on-line. Commission members are asked to take part at Great Oak Park, Potash Lake, River trestle and Stewart Woods sites.
 - f. Resolution in Support of Clean Water Supplies – Nancy Krause made a motion that this resolution be forwarded with the support of the Commission to the Mayor& Council for their approval. It was 2nd by Alex Myers and passed by all. The Borough supports a State Water Supply Plan to assure clean drinking water.
 - g. Resolution of Support for Sustainable Open Space, Farmland, Historic Preservation and Stewardship Funding for NJ – This resolution is still being researched by Commissioner Lurie for its tax impact. It was tabled.
 - h. Ponds Reformed Church invitation to solar panel dedication – Sunday April 23, 11AM. Commissioners and Council members are encouraged to attend.
6. **New Business** - No new business
7. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Town Council Update – The Council is continuing to work on the water & sewer conservation ordinance. This is needed for sewerage of the downtown area efforts to progress. Per the Councilwoman the town did not receive the Highlands Commission grant.
 - b. Great Oak Park Update – The Park is now officially open for the spring season.

- c.* Green Team Update - Oakland certification will expire December 31, 2017 – There was no meeting in February.
- d.* Recycling Update – No report
- e.* Open Space Update (Bi-County Property/Tamarack) – A report was received from concerned residents about trees being removed from the Bi-County tract. They want to be assured that the trees being removed follow the limits of the forestry report approved for the property.
- f.* Communications – website/Crossroads – Messages are being posted by Commissioners directly to the Borough website. Crossroads has not recently requested information. The Borough also has a Facebook page where notices can be submitted. The Green – Films flyers are on the website. Clean-up sign-ups are also taking place on-line.

8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a.* Current Projects – A septic system alteration plan for the CTC at 125 Bauer Drive was submitted for comments. Alex Myers prepared comments that will be presented to the Planning Board. It was suggested that trees that need to be removed for this project should be replaced on another part of the property.
- b.* The meeting was again opened to the public. Matt Fishman asked about progress on the approval for construction of a Wawa on Plaza Rd. The matter is still under discussion by the Board of Adjustment.

9. Budget Status – ANJEC membership is being paid.

10. Close Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next meeting May 2, 7:30pm. Minutes submitted by secretary Jerri Angermueller.