

Oakland Environmental Commission

April 5, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Members present were Alex Myers, Peter Tuohy, Erich Kamm, Mike DaSilva and Mark Ostapczuk. Excused by vote were Gina Mayer-Costa, Lee Haymon and Michael Kozak. Council liaison Sandra Coira 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 – Councilwoman Sandra Coira introduced herself to the Commission.
4. Meeting Minutes Review from 3-1-16 – Discussion was tabled to next month.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Pilgrim pipeline status – It has been reported in the news that a law from 1909 has been found which prohibits oil pipelines through New York unless every effected municipality approves of the plan. The Bergen County Freeholders are holding an open comment session Wednesday at 7:30 PM at the County seat for opinions on construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline. Wearing red will show opposition.
 - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area - Eagle Scout projects proposed – Boy Scouts are contacting Nancy Krause about possible Eagle projects. Trail restoration projects for north and south trail sections around Potash Lake are available. An identification sign along West Oakland Ave. is also needed. Great Oak Park has suitable signs that could be emulated for Potash or Schuyler Park & boat ramp.
 - c. Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map – Alex presented a draft of a proposal for the trail pamphlet that he is working on with the Eagle Scout candidate. He will be submitting it for comments.
 - d. Team Up to Clean Up – April 23 (April 24 rain date) – Commissioners have been scheduled to be available at each park during the clean-up. At 9AM refreshments will be served at Valley Middle School where participants will sign up and be assigned to town parks. Closing with lunch will take place at Great Oak Park.
 - e. FLOW Green Film Festival – Films with speakers will be on Sundays, 2PM on April 10th, and 17th at Wyckoff Public Library, Tuesday, April 26th at Ramapo High School 7PM, and Thursday, April 28th at 7PM in the Wyckoff Library.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Water quality – Mark Ostapczuk will make an appointment with the Oakland Water Committee for a public discussion on public water testing and condition. All Commissioners will be invited to attend. He also is speaking with the Health Department.
7. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Town Council Update – Sandra Coira reported that the Borough is continuing to monitor its water quality with Borough Engineer Kevin Boswell.
 - b. Great Oak Park Update – Lee Haymon will be at the Great Oak Park Clean-up for the Environmental Commission as well as the Park Committee on April 23rd.

- c.* Green Team Update – Mayor Schwager has added Oakland to the Bergen County Mayor’s Health Challenge, along with Franklin Lakes, to provide residents with more access to local health opportunities. Kick-off will take place at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance building on Tuesday, 4/12/16 at 7:30 PM. This will earn Sustainable Jersey points for the Borough. She is asking residents to join the Green Team in her latest Cross Roads article.
- d.* Recycling Update – Twice weekly garbage pick-up has started in April.
- e.* Open Space Update (Bi-County/ Property/Tamarack) – Nancy Krause will recirculate the correspondence with Borough Administrator about a purchase of the Bi-County tract. The letter from the Environmental Commission supporting a purchase will be forwarded to the Mayor& Council once approved by Commissioners.
- f.* Communications – website/Cross Roads- The latest Cross Roads has reports in it on the planned Borough Park Clean-up, the FLOW Green Film Festival and the Green Team initiatives.

8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a.* Current Projects – Notification was sent that McBride Family Ventures is applying to the NJDEP for a permit to a house in a wetlands area near the base of Long Hill Road. The Environmental Commission has been asked to comment on the application. The secretary will scan and distribute the information to the Commission so an opinion can be formulated.

9. Budget Status – The budget is scheduled to be approved. The ANJEC dues will be paid.

10. Close Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. Next meeting will be on May 3rd at 7:30 PM. Minutes are submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller.