

## **Oakland Environmental Commission**

**July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:40 by Vice Chair Mark Ostapczuk. Further members present were Peter Tuohy, Erich Kamm and Gina Mayer-Costa. Excused members were Lee Haymon, Nancy Krause, Mike DaSilva, Michael Kozak and Alex Myers.
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 the public – Shane De Augustinis of 6 Whittier Lane introduced himself. He is a student from Rutgers who studied Environmental Planning. He was curious about the Commission.
4. Meeting minutes review from 3/1/16, 5/3/16, 6/7/16. Review tabled to next meeting.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Pilgrim Pipeline status – No new information
  - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area – Eagle Scout projects – No new discussion concerning last month's presentation by the Eagle candidate.
  - c. Stewart's Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature Guide/map – No discussion.
  - d. Oakland water testing- Mark Ostapczuk said he has completed his effort for a town-wide testing program beyond the Borough's internal testing. A testing of school water sources may be instituted by the County or the State as in other local towns.
  - e. Daylighting stream in Great Oak Park – No new discussion.
6. **New Business**
  - a. Town Carnival – recap, ideas for next year – Interaction with the community is positive. A theme should be decided on to attract more conversation in the booth.
  - b. DEP Application by owners of Burger King to construct a Wawa with service center. A vote was taken to show opposition to the installation of a gas station within 300 ft. of the C-1 stream running through Great Oak Park. Nancy will be asked to write a letter to the Oakland Planning Board and to the NJ DEP voicing the Commission's concerns.
7. **Committee reports**
  - a. Town Council update – Council liaison was not present.
  - b. Great Oak Park update – The SAO is working toward a mini-golf course in the Park.
  - c. Green Team update – Oakland certification will expire on December 31, 2017. Mayor Schwager has been asking for residents to apply to be Green Team members.
  - d. Recycling update – Citations are being distributed by DPW employees when they find potentially non-conforming items on pick-up days.
  - e. Open-space update – Mahwah purchased property near the border with Suffern, NY in an effort to create more connected open-space for hikers and wildlife.
  - f. Communications –website/Cross Roads – The new website is scheduled to start this fall. The Cross Roads will be sent out electronically when possible. MyGreenOakland.org will be accessible from the Borough website. CatskillInvasives.org is a website with solutions for invasive forest pests.
8. **Budget status** – Budget is still waiting for approval.
9. **Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. Next meeting** – August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes submitted by secretary, Jerri A.