

# **Oakland Environmental Commission Agenda**

## **July 11, 2017**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Chair Nancy Krause. Gina Mayer-Costa, Kevin Mauro and Josh Lurie were present. Sandra Coira attended at 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** - No public attended.
4. Meeting Minutes Review from 4-4-17, 6-6-17. April minutes were approved with amendments. June minutes were tabled to next month.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Pilgrim pipeline status – No new information.
  - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area – Sign will be discussed with the Park Committee.
  - c. Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map – Eagle candidate has not completed his project. Nancy will ask Troop leader for help within the troop.
6. **New Business**
  - a) Open space application for Sandy Beach – Application was submitted to the Bergen County Division of Open Space by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for potential funding of a purchase of the historic open-space property. Public discussion will follow as per County grant application regulations. An appraisal is needed. The property is zoned industrial, but has potential for its passive and active values.
  - b) Open Space Plan – Nancy Krause has been discussing updating of the Borough Open Space & Recreation Plan with Borough officials. Completion of the update would earn Sustainable Jersey points. A proposed schedule is given below.
7. **Committee Updates**
  - a. Town Council Update – Ms. Coira reported she has been discussing the status of the remaining Bi-County tract grant with Borough and County officials. Also the Highlands status is being discussed as efforts to gain permission to sewer the downtown area progress. Highlands's conformance rules interfere with sewerage. The Council is voting on a PILOT resolution to support NJ open-space funding.
  - b. Great Oak Park Update – No new information.
  - c. Green Team Update - The bike rack award is scheduled to be approved for the budget at the next Council meeting. Necessary actions are advancing
  - d. Recycling Update – Residents are seeking guidance on battery recycling/disposal.
  - e. Open Space Update-Bi-County Property – This was covered in the Council update
  - f. Communications – website/Crossroads – A Crossroads edition should be coming out in the fall. The website will continue to be updated.
8. **Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update**
  - a. Current Projects : 52 Page Drive is seeking approval for a second story.
  - b. The Wawa application is still being discussed before the Board of Adjustments.
  - c. RBARI's house on Shelter Lane – Plans are being presented for demolition of a house and rebuilding of an enlarged animal shelter.
  - d. PSE&G submitted a wetlands application for new natural gas mains in a public Right-of-way.
9. **Budget Status** – No activity.
10. Close Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next meeting August 1, 2017.

Here is a link to the 2006 Open Space and Recreation Plan:

[2006 Oakland Borough Open Space and Recreation Plan](#)

I have been reviewing the schedule. If we are to meet the Sustainable Jersey deadline I would suggest the following:

- Draft Open Space Plan Update to town: September 7 (maps and select sections completed)
- Submission to Sustainable Jersey deadline: September 10
- Draft Open Space Plan Update to town (complete): September 28
- Planning Board Meeting (present draft plan, receive comments from Board, EC): October 12
- Final Open Space Plan Update to town: October 30
- Planning Board Meeting (adopt Open Space Plan as Element of Master Plan): November 9
- Submission to Sustainable Jersey deadline: November 19