

Oakland Environmental Commission

August 2, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Members present were Erich Kamm, Mark Ostapczuk, and Alex Myers. Members excused were Lee Haymon, Gina Mayer-Costa, Peter Tuohy and Mike DaSilva. 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** – No visitors present.
4. **Meeting Minutes** Review 3-1-16, 5-3-16, 6-7-16, 7-5-16 – Review tabled to next month.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Pilgrim pipeline status – CAP (Coalition Against the Pipeline) is working to raise funds for an Environmental Impact study on the proposed pipeline route. The NJ coalition of 15 municipalities, including Oakland, is working together to hire legal counsel for defense in the matter of Pilgrim Pipeline proposals.
 - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area - Eagle Scout project is being pursued with Scout officials. Eagle candidate told Nancy Krause he is working on his plans.
 - c. Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map- No new progress.
 - d. Daylighting streams in Great Oak Park – No current progress.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Comment letter on proposed Wawa site at Post Road and Plaza Rd intersection next to Burger King. Nancy Krause, Lee Haymon and Alex Myers composed a letter detailing the potential environmental impacts of a service center at the proposed location. The letter was read by members present and approved to send to the Oakland Planning Board. The Planning Board is hearing the application.
 - b. Commission vacancy – Replacing Michael Kozak’s seat on the Commission was discussed. An alternate may be chosen to fill the seat, then a new alternate is needed.
7. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Town Council Update – Councilwoman spoke on open-space and pipeline updates
 - b. Great Oak Park Update – Planning for improvements is proceeding.
 - c. Green Team Update - Oakland Borough certification to expire December 31, 2017
 - d. Recycling Update – DPW employees are actively checking residents’ recycling and garbage barrels and issuing warnings for incorrect disposals.
 - e. Open Space Update (Bi-County Property) – Council liaison reported that the County has indicated that they expect Oakland’s offer of financial investment in purchasing the remaining Bi-County open-space. Organizations such as the Land Conservancy and NJ Highlands are also interested in helping with the purchase. NJ Highlands grant applications open in September. Wayne might be approached for their interest in the situation. Negotiations with property owner continue.
 - f. Communications – website/crossroads – New Borough website is scheduled to go active in September. The MyGreenOakland.org site will be transferred to the Borough website as a page that can be updated by the Commission.
 - g. Wyckoff is asking OEC to help promote their ‘Exploring Human Origins’ display October 16 – November 12 at the Wyckoff Public Library.
8. **Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update**
 - a. Current Projects – The Board will be hearing the application for the Plaza Road site once the application is complete. The Commission’s letter will be submitted.
9. **Budget Status** – The Budget has been approved. Funds are available for activities.
10. **Closed Meeting** at 8:20 PM. Next meeting is September 6th, at 7:30pm.