

Oakland Environmental Commission September 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Krause at 7:40 PM. Lee Haymon, Michael Kozak, Eric Kamm, Mark Ostapczuk, and Gina Mayer-Costa were present. Council liaison Betsy Stagg was present. Meeting minutes of 8/6/2013 were tabled. Erich Kamm made amendments to May & June minutes. He wanted to include that he had advised the Great Oak Park Committee that they should hire an engineer to do studies.

1. Old Business

a. Stewart's Woods Update

i. Eagle Scout project progress report – Project was approved by Borough Council at July 10th meeting. The Scouts will be working on the property Sunday, 9/8/13 10AM – 3PM with Matthew Richards as Eagle candidate. They will put woodchips on paths which have been delineated by tree trunks. 2 tables & 6 benches will be ordered according to the Scout's plans.

b. NRI

i. Chapters 1-6 can be found at [http://kratzerenv.com/Oakland NRI Draft June 2013 Sections 1-4.PDF](http://kratzerenv.com/Oakland_NRI_Draft_June_2013_Sections_1-4.PDF) and [http://kratzerenv.com/Oakland NRI Draft August 2013 Sections 5-6.pdf](http://kratzerenv.com/Oakland_NRI_Draft_August_2013_Sections_5-6.pdf) or on DropBox. Comments have been sent to Debbie Kratzer (dkratzer@embarqmail.com). Commissioners discussed various issues in the reports which need further details. The Planning Board's NRI being completed by Burgis for the Highland's preservation area was also discussed. The Borough can adopt an NRI for its master plan and include a Highland's NRI as an appendix. The 2 NRI's needed to be reviewed to assure that the 2 plans are not conflicting in their facts.

c. **Great Oak Park Committee** – A meeting was scheduled for 8:30 this evening. The EC meeting was opened to the public at this point. Eric Kozak gave a review of the presentation he planned to suggest to the Park Committee. He wants to do GIS mapping of the possible trails and paths which can be maintained and used throughout the park according to existing paths through the park. This would be done as a Boy Scout project with direction. Betsy Stagg emphasized that endangered animal species and cultural resources need to be protected.

d. **ANJEC Land Preservation Road Show** – Gina Mayer-Costa confirmed that it will take place Wednesday, October 2 in the Wyckoff Public Library at 7pm.

i. A motion was made that the Oakland EC contributes 1/3 of the cost of the ANJEC show along with Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Commissions. $\$222 / 3 = \74 to be paid.

ii. Publicity – Gina and Nancy have contacted the Suburban News, the Oakland Journal and local Patch websites. Alex Myers will publicize the event at Ramapo College.

2. New Business

a. New members/reorganize- Lee Haymon moved that Gina Mayer-Costa be placed in Mike Lynch's unexpired term, and Alex Meyers be appointed as alternate commissioner. He has submitted a resume and a Citizen's Leadership form to the Borough Clerk. The motions were both passed. The Mayor & Council will be advised of our decision for official appointments.

b. ANJEC annual Congress will take place Saturday, October 19 in Edison, NJ at Middlesex Community College. Participation is \$60 for Commission members before 10/5/13. The theme is Energy and Climate Change including flood response.

3. Committee Updates

a. Green Team Update – no report

- b. Recycling Update – Council liaison Stagg spoke on the importance of increased recycling.
- c. Open Space Update – No report. Will be discussed at ANJEC Roadshow.

4. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a. Current Projects – Lee Haymon is discussing concurrent NRI projects with the Board.
 - b. Meeting Schedule – Planning Board meeting for NRI is 9/12/13.
5. **Budget Status** – Debbie Kratzer submitted vouchers to receive payment for NRI work she has completed. Funds are available for ANJEC Congress participation.
6. **Close Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM (next meeting October 1, 7:30pm). Certain Commissioners moved to the Great Oak Park meeting.

Minutes are submitted by Jerri Angermueller, Secretary.