

Oakland Environmental Commission

October 2, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Gina Mayer-Costa, Erich Kamm, Lee Haymon, and Carol Peterson attended. Pat Pignatelli was Council liaison. Junior member Calli O'Neal 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** – It was noted that a resident had commented about battery recycling. He did not attend the meeting. Gina responded that she would inquire at Ramapo College about their vendor who collects all used batteries on campus.
4. **Meeting Minutes** Review from 7-3-18, 8-7-18, 9-4-18. The minutes were reviewed but were tabled until enough attending members can approve them.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Potash Lake Recreation Area – renaming update - Pat Pignatelli announced that the Mayor & Council returned the official name of the lake to Potash Lake. Nancy said she will proceed with ordering a sign to install at the West Oakland entrance.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Water quality article for next newsletter – Information will be included in next newsletter. Pat Pignatelli advised the Commission water sub-committee to contact Councilmen John Biale and Eric Kulmala as the Council representatives for Water issues. They could work out suggestions for the next year's water quality report.
 - b. Well-head ordinance will be added to next month's agenda – Lee offered to bring regulations for pipelines for Commission information.
7. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Junior EC member update – Calli reported that she is restructuring her website. She welcomes suggestions to provide more input to increase Oakland's sustainability. She reported on her visit to the Global Citizens' Festival.
 - b. Town Council Update Pat Pignatelli – The Building Feasibility study of Sandy Beach has been approved by the Mayor and Council to proceed.
 - c. Great Oak Park Update - Lee Haymon and Carol Peterson did a walk-through recently of the park, including the Great Lawn area. No construction has started. The area was evaluated for environmental concerns. Constraint reporting needs to be done. It was noted that run-off issues and possible composting toilet facilities could be discussed at an up-coming Park Committee meeting.
 - d. Green Team Update - Carol Peterson –
 - i. Various sites for a Community Garden were suggested, including the Truman Field vicinity, Great Oak Park, and an open field between Park Dr. and Riverside Dr., known as "the Colony". Extent of the public portion of the property would need to be determined. Also the yard next to the Van Allen House and the Borough-

owned field at 277 Ramapo Valley Rd. have been suggested. Water-access, visibility and parking are criteria.

ii. A Styrofoam-recycling machine could be purchased with a \$10K grant from Sustainable Jersey. The compressed Styrofoam could be sold.

iii The Green Team had a table at the 9/8/18 Choptober Fest. Carol displayed her Monarch Butterfly exhibit that holds live butterflies and chrysalises containing developing butterflies. The butterfly display will be provided to local grade school classes. Reusable shopping bags and tumblers were given out to public visiting the display.

- e.* Recycling Update – The Borough flyer publicizing new recycling changes was approved by Nancy Krause and Gina Mayer-Costa, then distributed in a town-wide mailing.
- f.* Open Space Update (Bi-County/Tamarack/Sandy Beach) Erich Kamm –
 - i. It was reported that the town is trying to determine a fair purchase price for Sandy Beach. Lawyers will negotiate any purchase of the property.
 - ii. It was questioned whether or not the unapproved fill at the Camp Tamarack site has been removed. Work is on-going.
- g.* Communications – website/crossroads - Gina Mayer-Costa requested that topics or articles be submitted to her for inclusion in the Commission website and the Borough Cross Roads newsletter.

8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a.* Current Projects - Lee Haymon reported that the up-dated bill-board ordinance has been finalized. A discussion of zoning laws for restricting sale of marijuana in the Borough has been requested by the Mayor & Council.
- b.* Review Plans – No plans were available for review.

9. Budget Status – The 2019 budget request is due to begin. Request needs to be submitted.

10. Close Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM Next meeting is November 13, 2018 at 7:30PM. Minutes were submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller