

# Oakland Environmental Commission

## November 13, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Alex Myers, Erich Kamm, Kevin Mauro, Carol Peterson, David Blanke and Calli O'Neal were present. Lee Haymon arrived at 8:40. Council liaison Pat Pignatelli 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 – Ali Fleeson attended. She introduced herself and voiced interest in the Commission. A message from Dennis Kyle of 39 Oswego Ave. was relayed. He had reported concern about a native trout species living in the Long Hill Brook C-1 stream.
4. Meeting Minutes Review from 8-7-18, 9-4-18, 10-2-18 - All minutes were approved with amendments.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Potash Lake Recreation Area sign - Nancy Krause is working on this.
6. **New Business**
  - a. Water Conservation Ordinance – No current progress.
  - b. Well Protection Ordinance – No current report.
7. **Committee Updates**
  - a. Junior EC member update - Calli O'Neal said that she is still working on the website. It is not yet live at Indian Hills High School.
  - b. Town Council Update - Pat Pignatelli reported that the Council has received the requested constraint report on the Sandy Beach property from Boswell Engineering. It states that the property is historically protected and contains flood plains. No clearing is allowed more than 10' from structure, and no demolition of an existing building is allowed. There are also endangered species of wildlife on the property.
  - c. Great Oak Park Update – A draft letter to the Mayor and Council was introduced by Carol Peterson, Erich Kamm and David Blanke, the subcommittee on Great Oak Park, requesting stoppage of all work taking place in the Park until the plans for this work can be reviewed by members of the Environmental Commission. The subcommittee reported that they have contacted many nature organizations for advice on preserving a natural environment in the Park. They also have several questions about the effects of planned activities on the health of the environment in the Park. Lee Haymon reported that Boswell Engineering is working on a constraint report for the property and has been advising the Park Committee, but no plan is yet finalized. Lee asked that Commission members to meet with the Park Committee to gain more insight on current activity and planning. Erich Kamm listed items that should be addressed in plans before work is undertaken. Lee and Erich agreed to attend the Park meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, 11/14/18 for further discussion.

A motion was made that an amended letter would be distributed to the Mayor & Council unless the Park Committee would guarantee that no intrusive development is taking place in the next 60 days and that Park Committee representatives would meet with Environmental Commission within 30 days. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.
  - d. Green Team Update – Kevin Mauro gave a short report.
  - e. Recycling Update – Carol Peterson reported on a new NJ State recycling phone app
  - f. Open Space Update (Sandy Beach) - Erich Kamm
  - g. Communications – website/Crossroads - Gina Mayer-Costa has received articles and is sending out the newest newsletter including information on the recycling phone app.

- 8.** Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update
  - a.* Current Projects - Lee Haymon – No update.
  - b.* Review Plans - Plans for a multiple housing unit at 91 West Oakland Ave. were distributed for review.
- 9.** Budget Status – 2019 budget proposal has been submitted.
- 10.** Closed Meeting at 9:30 PM. Next meeting December 4, 7:30PM. Minutes submitted by secretary Jerri Angermueller.