

Oakland Environmental Commission

December 4, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice Chair Gina Mayer-Costa. Kevin Mauro, Alex Myers, Erich Kamm, Carol Peterson, and David Blanke attended. Lee Haymon and Nancy Krause were excused. Councilman 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** – Peter Kikot of Oakland introduced himself. He is a former member of the Green Team, the Downtown Station Park Committee and the Community of Commerce chairman. He is interested in joining the Environmental Commission and helping with grant applications.
4. **Meeting Minutes Review** from 11-13-18. The November minutes were table.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Potash Lake Recreation Area sign – Nancy Krause was not present to report on progress.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Root for Rivers Grant letter of support – Carol Peterson completed a grant application to support the health of the C-1 stream in Great Oak Park. 500 trees & shrubs intended for planting in the Park are the object of the grant. She is asking for support from the Green Team, the Mayor & Council, Park Committee, Shade Tree Committee and the Environmental Commission. Kevin Mauro moved that the OEC approve the application. Eric Kamm 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Plantings would be performed by volunteer groups in town.
 - b. ANJEC projects – David Blanke reported on items he studied on the ANJEC website, including a Self-Assessment of Environmental Commissions checklist and educational opportunities which the Commission could employ to improve its effectiveness. He would like to discuss these at a future meeting.
7. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Junior EC member update - Calli O’Neal was not present.
 - b. Town Council Update - Pat Pignatelli spoke about the plans for Great Oak Park as they have been presented to the Council. The Council is supporting the planning of Boswell Engineering. They expect that 80% of the Park will maintain its wild character, while 20% may be used for permissible public activities.
 - c. Great Oak Park Update - Erich Kamm attended the Park Committee Meeting. The Committee members discussed environmental issues with the Commissioners who were present. They agreed on improving communication. A meeting for 12/18/18 was planned, including attendance by Boswell Engineering planners who are working on the Environmental Impact Statement of the Park for a Great Lawn and other possible sites in the Park. No clear cutting is planned now or for the winter.
 - d. Green Team Update - Carol Peterson reported that the Committee is working on an Impact Statement that she plans to circulate to the Environmental Commission.

- e.* Recycling Update – Carol reported that battery recycling is to be considered by the Borough. The Green Team wants to enable recycling for markers and crayons. They are contacting companies that provide this service. 22 residents have purchased composting barrels from the town.
- f.* Open Space Update - Erich Kamm – No new information.
- g.* Communications - Gina Mayer-Costa reported that the fall newsletter is available on-line. Articles are needed for the winter newsletter. Commissioners are requested to also submit items for the Annual Accomplishment reports of 2018 so a report can be submitted to the Mayor& Council for the past year.

8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a.* Current Projects - Lee Haymon – No report
- b.* Review Plans – no plans submitted.

9. Budget Status – under review by the Borough.

10. Closed meeting at 8:40 PM. Next meeting will be Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 7:30PM. Minutes are submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller.