

## **Oakland Environmental Commission**

### **May 2, 2017**

- 1.** Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Chair Nancy Krause. Kevin Mauro, Lee Haymon, Erich Kamm, Gina Mayer-Costa, Michael Kozak, and Joshua Lurie were present. Mike Da Silva and Alex Myers were excused. 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 public attended.
- 4. Meeting Minutes** Review 3-7-17, 4-4-17. March minutes approved; April's were tabled.
- 5. Old Business**
  - a.* Pilgrim pipeline status – CAPP is still active. There is nothing new to report.
  - b.* Potash Lake Recreation Area - Eagle Scout projects – Evan Pappas informed Nancy Krause that his project is ready to proceed with birdhouses and benches for the south trail around the Potash Lake. He will ask for Mayor& Council approval at their next meeting.
  - c.* Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map – A grant application has been made to ANJEC for funds to cover the printing of the trail guide.
  - d.* Film Fest- recap – All four films had good attendance. The three town websites helped publicize the events.
  - e.* Team up, To Clean Up 2017- recap – Gina Mayer-Costa summarized the event. Many families took part in learning trash awareness. Groups cleaned up Great Oak Park, Stewart Woods, the Potash Lake trails, and River Rd. river bank. It was noted that Stewart Woods needs desnagging. Drainage pipes are being replaced.
  - f.* Resolution of Support for Green Acres PILOT Funding for N. J. – The website is <http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/pilot.html> . Joshua Lurie offered to draft a statement of support for the Environmental Commission to consider. Joshua Lurie will prepare a document for the Mayor& Council. The document can be reviewed at the next Commission meeting.
- 6. New Business**
  - a.* Restore Native Plants – is a non-profit organization for natural resource management in the Ramapo Mtn. State Forest – It is very interested in promoting native NJ habitat for local plants and wildlife species. The possibility of cooperation between the Commission and these involved residents was discussed.
  - b.* Town Carnival – June 14-17 – Plans are being discussed for a non-vendor area on the carnival grounds where the EC could have a display table. Topics for a theme of a display were discussed.

## **7. Committee Updates**

- a.* Town Council Update – Sandra Coira reported on talks with Administrator Kunze on open-space grant. Borough open-space funds are all committed currently.
- b.* Great Oak Park Update – Grant applications for a Great Lawn were not approved. Dog Park plans are progressing. Eagle Scout projects are being requested.
- c.* Green Team Update - Oakland certification will expire December 31, 2017 – The PSE&G grant to provide 5 bicycle racks downtown or in parks was approved. This project will earn Sustainable Jersey points.
- d.* Recycling Update – Shredding event is Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 9AM by Borough Hall
- e.* Open Space Update (Bi-County Property/Tamarack) – The Commission discussed preparing a letter to the Mayor& Council stating support for acquisition of the remaining Bi-County property by the Borough with Bergen County's support. A meeting on the Bergen County Master Plan is being held May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wyckoff at the J.A. McFaul Environmental Center.
- f.* Communications – website/crossroads – All Commission announcements are being posted to the Borough website. Web blasts are going out to registered residents.

## **8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update**

- a.* Current Projects – The Wawa application for a convenience store with gas station has been moved to the Board of Adjustments for discussion.

## **9. Budget Status** – ANJEC dues have been paid.

## **10. Close Meeting** – adjourned at 9:10 PM Next meeting June 6, 7:30PM. Minutes submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller