



# Borough of Oakland, New Jersey

## OAKLAND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING MEETING MINUTES

*Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing*

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**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:34 p.m.**

- 2. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Regular Meeting of the Oakland Environmental Commission is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, duly announced, submitted to the newspaper, and advertised more than 48 hours in advance of the meeting and notice posted in the Borough Hall and on the Borough website.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Lee Haymon, Vice Chairman Michael Miner, Jerri Angermueller, Tony Bertuna, Erich Kamm, Councilman Pat Pignatelli, and Borough Secretary Michael Carelli present. Karen Lanza, Austin Wall, Matthew Shook, and Alex Myers absent upon roll call. Motion to excuse Matthew Shook and Alex Myers made by Vice Chairman Michael Miner and seconded by Jerri Angermueller. All yeas. Karen Lanza joined at 7:39 p.m.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to adopt October 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes as modified made by Karen Lanza and seconded by Jerri Angermueller. Erich Kamm stained. All yeas.

**5. COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- a. Town Council Environmental Concerns – Councilman Pat Pignatelli
  - i. Councilman Pignatelli reported no updates on the Sandy Beach Property or Pinnacle. It was reported that the federal funding for the Patriots Way Bridge is still pending.
- b. Open Space - Erich Kamm & Councilman Pat Pignatelli
  - i. No further updates from Commissioner Erich Kamm.
- c. Pinnacle/Bi-County Update – Lee Haymon
  - i. No further updates from Councilman Pignatelli.
- d. Great Oak Park Update – Lee Haymon
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team planted a Pollinator Garden around the sculpture in Great Oak Park. Councilman Pignatelli suggested a Dog Festival for the future. The consensus was to reach out to Recreation with the idea. Karen Lanza added that the event was successful and lasted only one day.
- e. Sustainable Oakland Green Team – Erich Kamm/Michael Carelli
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team is reaching out to businesses about the plastic bag ban in 2022 and is seeking volunteers to educate local businesses. It was also reported that there is a Styrofoam Drive on January 2, 2022 in Oakland.

- f. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update – Lee Haymon
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon updated the Commission on a future major site plan development on McCoy Road. More information to come.

#### **6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. GIS Mapping Project – Lee/Mike
  - i. Vice Chairman Michael Miner reported that he has all of the files for the project, and will move towards implementing into GIS software. Michael Miner suggested dividing the project up to conquer more.

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

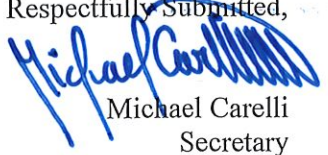
- a. Budget Submission – 2022 – Lee/Michael
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that the budget was submitted – the same amount as 2021. The ANJEC dues, miscellaneous expenses, and salary and wages for the Secretary position was included. Motion to approve the budget made by Erich Kamm and seconded by Michael Miner. All yeas.
- b. Pollinator Garden Signs Assistance – Michael
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team approached the Commission for funding for new Pollinator signage. The consensus was to approach the Great Oak Park Committee for funding. Chairman Lee Haymon will follow up.
- c. 2022 Meeting Dates – Michael
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that Michael Carelli will have the 2022 Meeting Dates to the Commission next meeting.
- d. Borough Calendar Information – Michael
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that Michael Carelli will have the 2022 Borough Calendar Information to the Commission next meeting.
- e. PFAS Water System Update – Lee
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon reported that Oakland residents received a notice about PFAS in the water system. PFAS was detected above the state criteria. It was reported that the State's criteria is very low as compared to the federal standards. It was reported that a Public Information Session has been scheduled for Monday November 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting registration will be posted on the Borough website at [www.oakland-nj.org](http://www.oakland-nj.org). Erich Kamm asked how this chemical penetrates deep into the ground water. The Commission is encouraged to attend the information session. Erich Kamm suggested the Environmental Commission be involved in the information session. A uniform presentation will be put together in advance.
- f. Meetings:
  - i. Erich Kamm asked if the Commission will meet in person in the near future. The consensus was made that Michael Carelli will reach out to see if the Senior Center is available for December's meeting.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Michael Miner and seconded by Karen Lanza. All yeas.

**Next Meeting Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Carelli", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Carelli  
Secretary