



Borough of Oakland, New Jersey

OAKLAND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday December 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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:

Commissioners Matthew Shook, Jerri Angermueller, Tony Bertuna, Erich Kamm, Karen Lanza, and Borough Secretary Michael Carelli all present. Chairman Lee Haymon, Vice Chairman Michael Miner, Austin Wall, Alex Myers, and Councilman Pat Pignatelli all absent. Motion to excuse Chairman Lee Haymon, Vice Chairman Michael Miner, and Alex Myers made by Karen Lanza and seconded by Matthew Shook. All yeas, no nays or abstain.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. November 9, 2021 Minutes:
 - i. Borough Secretary Michael Carelli tabled the November 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes until January 2022.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- a. Town Council Environmental Concerns – Councilman Pat Pignatelli
 - i. No update due to absence.
- b. Open Space - Erich Kamm & Councilman Pat Pignatelli
 - i. Borough Secretary added that the Borough of Oakland Roosevelt Boulevard Trail/Park is currently in the conceptual final design phase by the Borough Floodplain Manager and Borough Engineer. Final design should be coming by the spring of 2022. The Borough must pursue project quickly due to grant deadlines by the County of Bergen. The Commission will have more opportunities for public input.
- c. Pinnacle/Bi-County Update – Lee Haymon
 - i. No update due to absence.
- d. Great Oak Park Update – Lee Haymon
 - i. No update due to absence.
- e. Sustainable Oakland Green Team – Erich Kamm/Michael Carelli
 - i. Borough Secretary Michael Carelli added that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team recently installed a Pollinator Garden around the sculpture in Great Oak Park. Michael encouraged everyone to take a visit.

- ii. Commissioner Karen Lanza added that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team is currently pursuing a Styrofoam Free Business Program, which encourages businesses to remove styrofoam from their operations in anticipation of the May 4, 2022 Plastic Bag and Styrofoam Ban in the State of New Jersey.
- iii. The Sustainable Oakland Green Team is hosting a Styrofoam Drive on Saturday January 8, 2022 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Borough Hall Parking Lot. The first hour is open to Oakland residents, and the remainder of the time is open to all Bergen County residents. This event is sponsored by Realtor Andrea Levy.
- f. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update – Lee Haymon
 - i. Borough Secretary Michael Carelli brought forth a major site plan for 17 Van Voreen Drive. There was a discussion about the future usage and occupants of the building. Commissioner Matthew Shook brought forth stormwater regulations that should be addressed in the site plan. Commissioner Erich Kamm suggested impervious parking lot and landscaping suggestions. Borough Secretary Michael Carelli added that he would reach out to the Shade Tree Commission Chairman Edward Clark for potential landscape suggestions for the site plan. All Commissioners agreed for Michael to send email.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. GIS Mapping Project – Lee/Mike
 - i. No further updates due to absences. Commissioner Erich Kamm suggested a trails app and Commissioner Matthew Shook agreed to assist and develop a potential plan. Matthew Shook will reach out to the NY/NJ Trail Conference for potential assistance.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Matthew Shook and Seconded by Karen Lanza. All in favor, no nays or abstain.

Next Meeting Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Carelli
Secretary