



# Borough of Oakland, New Jersey

## OAKLAND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MAY 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING via ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

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1. **Regular Meeting called to order** at 7:33 p.m.
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. **Roll Call:**
  - Chairman Lee Haymon, Jerri Angermueller, Matthew Shook, Tony Bertuna, Erich Kamm, Karen Lanza, Borough Secretary Michael Carelli, Councilman Pat Pignatelli present. Austin Wall, Alex Myers, and Michael Miner absent upon roll call. Michael Miner joined at 7:38 p.m.
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - Motion to approve April 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes as modified as discussed by the Commission made by Jerri Angermueller and seconded by Chairman Lee Haymon. All in favor.
5. **Committee Updates:**
  - **Borough Council Update – Councilman Pignatelli:**
    - No update.
  - **Open Space Update – Erich Kamm:**
    - No update.
  - **Pinnacle/Bi-County – Lee Haymon:**
    - No update.
  - **Dog Park/Great Oak Park Update:**
    - Chairman Lee Haymon added that the Roots for Rivers Planting took place recently at Great Oak Park, along with the Environmental Commissions cleanup event. Chairman Lee Haymon added that there are no treatments being applied to the Great Lawn. It was also noted that Ryan Schwertfeger is holding off on the tick spray donation at this time. The Dog Park Opening is this Saturday May 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. RSVP online. Chairman Lee Haymon will bring up the trail signage brought forth by Karen Lanza to the Park Committee and Mike Guadagnino. Chairman Lee Haymon added that there will be a new Monarch Waystation within the park as a result of a grant from the Bergen County Audubon Society. There is no update on the Band Shell or Bike Trails at this time.
  - **Sustainable Oakland Green Team – Erich Kamm:**
    - Erich Kamm added that a Styrofoam Drive will be held on Sunday May 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Oakland Borough Hall. The first hour is for Oakland residents, and the last two hours are for Bergen County residents.
    - There is a FLOW Green Film Series on June 9, 2021 at Parsons Pond Park in Franklin Lakes. Pre-register online at the Wyckoff Library.
    - There is a virtual FLOW Green Film Series on Wednesday May 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom on 'Fast Fashion and the Environment'. Register online at the Wyckoff Library's website.

- The Green Team is planning a new infographic on Borough recycling information. The Green Team will design the new graphic and run it by the Environmental Commission before posting. The Green Team is also designing sandwich board signs.
- The Creative Bergen Arts Amble is June 11-13 throughout Bergen County NJ. Oakland Library will be a host venue and will feature artists and venues throughout the Library. For more information, visit [www.artsamble.org](http://www.artsamble.org).
- Councilman Pignatelli added that the Oakland Carnival is proceeding as planned for June 2021. Further details are to be worked out by the Public Events Committee, and Boards and Committees will be notified soon.
- The Oakland Community Garden is open. Food is being donated to Ponds Church.
- The Oakland Seed Bank is open at the Oakland Public Library. Residents may check out vegetable, herb, and flower seeds from the Library during normal business hours. Residents are then encouraged to drop off their propagated seeds at the end of the summer season to the Seed Bank.
- The Green Team is working on an EV Charging Station Project in 2021.
- **Planning Board/Board of Adjustment – Lee Haymon:**
  - No update from Board of Adjustment or Planning Board.

**6. Old Business:**

- No old business.

**7. New Business:**

- **Dog Park Tick Spray Donation Environmental Concerns – Michael Carelli:**
  - No update as previously discussed.
- **Team Up to Clean Up 2021 – Logistics and Planning:**
  - The cleanup had about 15 volunteers. Students were present. Lee Haymon asked Michael Carelli to send an email to those that participated and letters to the students who participated to receive credit for volunteer hours. The cleaning supplies will be dropped off at the Borough Hall.
- **ANJEC Grant Program Project Selection and Approval:**
  - The Borough submitted the ANJEC Grant for the GIS Mapping in Great Oak Park. Notification of award is coming in June 2021. The application amount is for \$1,500.00. The Commission needs to get on hand the existing GIS files. The Natural Resource Inventory (ROSI) was updated in 2020 by the Borough. Michael Miner suggested engaging volunteers to assist with the software application. Karen Lanza suggested college students and will help reach out to the local colleges. Karen Lanza will draft a communication to send to Ramapo College and William Paterson University.
- **Roosevelt Riverfront Park:**
  - The Borough held a project kickoff meeting for the Roosevelt Riverfront Park Project. The plan is to develop trails, an ADA fishing deck, and flora and fauna signage. Bioswales and permeable pavers are planned too. Chairman Lee Haymon suggested a site walkthrough by the Commission members. The walk through will be May 15, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. at Truman Field. Michael Carelli suggested the Commission members walk through the Pompton Lakes South End Trails for some ideas about the Borough's new project. The site is off of Dawes Highway in Pompton Lakes Borough. Erich Kamm agreed that public input is important when planning a project of this size. The project will be executed in 2022. The grant deadline is 2023. Michael Carelli also added that there is a project in the works for Truman Field sod and netting. Michael Miner will meet

with Karen Lanza separately as both are not available for the walkthrough on 5/15.

- **Oakland Carnival:**
    - o Chairman Lee Haymon asked the Commission for their ideas about the Oakland Carnival. Commission members were asked to bring back ideas at the June Meeting so the Commission can start planning the table.
  - **Hazardous Waste Collections:**
    - o The next Bergen County Household Hazardous Waste Collection is this upcoming weekend at Campgaw Reservation. The full schedule is available on the BCUA website, Borough social media channels, and Borough Website.
8. **Budget Status:**
- No updates.
9. **Open to the Public:**
- No public members present.
10. **Close Meeting:**
- Motion to close made by Tony Bertuna and seconded by Karen Lanza. All in favor.
11. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.**

Next Meeting Tuesday June 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom Video Conferencing

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Michael Carelli  
Secretary