



# Borough of Oakland, New Jersey

## OAKLAND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING

*Tuesday August 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing*

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**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:31 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, Karen Lanza, Alex Myers, Matthew Shook, and Michael Carelli present. Erich Kamm, Tony Bertuna, Austin Wall, and Councilman Pat Pignatelli absent upon roll call. Erich Kamm has been excused. Michael Carelli announced he has to leave the meeting due to a conflict.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. July 4, 2021 Minutes
  - i. Minutes tabled to September Meeting.

**5. COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- a. Town Council Environmental Concerns – Councilman Pat Pignatelli
  - i. No update as Councilman Pignatelli is absent.
- b. Open Space - Erich Kamm & Councilman Pat Pignatelli
  - i. No update as Councilman Pignatelli is absent.
- c. Pinnacle/Bi-County Update – Lee Haymon
  - i. Michael Miner does not recall any updates from the July Meeting.
- d. Great Oak Park Update – Lee Haymon
  - i. Lee Haymon stated that the Park Committee is working on bike trails from 202 by Shop Rite, and is outside of a flood area. The Eagle Scouts are working on the project. This project will keep children off U.S. 202 and increase pedestrian safety. No further updates.
- e. Sustainable Oakland Green Team – Erich Kamm
  - i. Jerri Angermueller added that the Plastic Film Recycling Program has resumed and the bin is located at the Danny Hughes Playground on River Road/Oak Street. There is instructions on what may be dropped off on the signage and found on the Borough website and Borough Hall. Jerri added that the Farmers Market in Oakland does not give out single use bags any more.

- f. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update – Lee Haymon
  - i. Jerri Angermueller asked on an update on the Spruce Street property. Lee Haymon added that there are no updates at this time. No further updates at this time.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. NJ Community Forestry Grant for Tree Inventory
  - i. No update as Michael Carelli was absent at this time.
- b. Student Volunteers for GIS Mapping
  - i. Alex Myers will loop back with the professor he contacted in June 2021. Karen Lanza is working with other professors and will provide an update at the next meeting. The Commission will need to decide what layers to put on the GIS.
- c. Borough Trails
  - i. Erich Kamm has High School students interested in setting up a trail map for the Commission. The project consists of a map of existing trails along with a mobile app.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

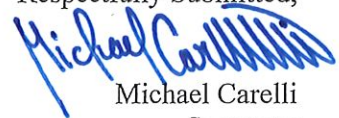
- a. In-Person Meeting Location
  - i. Lee Haymon asked the Commission how they felt about meeting in person again. All of the Commissioners did not express concerns, only one Commissioner expressed that Zoom is sometimes more convenient. The Commission agreed to meet at the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, for the September Meeting. The room is large and allows for social distancing. The Commission will be switching the September 7, 2021 Meeting to September 14, 2021 due to holiday vacations and scheduling conflicts. All Commissioners agreed.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Matthew Shook and seconded by Karen Lanza. All in favor.

**Next Meeting Tuesday September 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the  
Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436**

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Carelli  
Secretary