



# Borough of Oakland, New Jersey

## OAKLAND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

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**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:35 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, Tony Bertuna, Councilman Pat Pignatelli, and Secretary Michael Carelli present. Alex Myers, Erich Kamm, Matthew Shook, and Austin Wall absent. Motion to excuse Erich Kamm, Alex Myers, and Matthew Shook made by Vice Chairman Michael Miner and Seconded by Karen Lanza. All in favor.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. August 10, 2021 Minutes:
  - i. Motion to approve August 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes as modified made by Commissioner Angermueller and Seconded by Michael Miner. All in favor.

**5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

- a. No public present. Public portion closed.

**6. COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- a. Town Council Environmental Concerns – Councilman Pat Pignatelli
  - i. Councilman Pignatelli stated that the Borough is moving forward on the 'Sandy Beach' parcel and is awaiting responses. The Borough is also in process for the Sewer Relining Project.
- b. Open Space - Erich Kamm & Councilman Pat Pignatelli
  - i. No further updates.
- c. Pinnacle/Bi-County Update – Lee Haymon
  - i. No further updates.
- d. Great Oak Park Update – Lee Haymon
  - i. No further updates due to no meetings.
- e. Sustainable Oakland Green Team – Erich Kamm
  - i. The Sustainable Oakland Green Team is working on outreach materials for the upcoming 2022 Plastic Bag Ban. The activities include social media and mailer communications. The Green Team is also working on a Styrofoam Free Program for local businesses. More information will follow. No further updates.

- f. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update – Lee Haymon
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon stated that the Planning Board recently approved ordinances for Breweries, Distilleries, Brew Pubs, Wineries, etc., as well as recently approving Affordable Housing Elements in the Borough's Central Business District. This would allow mixed-use affordable housing. No further updates. Commissioner Angermueller asked if the Borough Council and/or Planning Board was involved in the new State Stormwater Regulations recently put into effect. Chairman Lee Haymon asked Michael Carelli to setup a presentation for the next Environmental Commission Meeting for Boswell Engineering to come present to the Commission. Michael Carelli agreed and will organize such effort.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Great Oak Park Bike Trail Update – Lee
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon added that the Borough is working with the Boy Scouts and is waiting to hear back on the project being approved. There is also a donor who will fund the project.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. In-Person Meeting Location:
  - i. Commissioner Angermueller asked about in-person meetings. Chairman Lee Haymon polled the Commissioners. All Commissioners agreed to meet virtually until further notice.
- b. GIS Mapping:
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon asked Michael Carelli to try to locate the Borough files regarding old mapping. Chairman Lee Haymon questioned if Bergen County has tax maps available for us. It was suggested to focus on specific locations in the Borough such as Great Oak Park and Truman Field. Commissioner Miner added that Boswell Engineering offered to provide technical assistance to the Borough if needed. Additional targets and goals will be identified once Michael Carelli finds the files.
- c. Environmental Matters:
  - i. Chairman Lee Haymon asked the Commissioners to poll residents on what they feel is the most pressing environmental matters in the Borough. Michael Carelli and Lee Haymon will create a spreadsheet for October's Meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Michael Miner and Seconded by Karen Lanza. All in favor.

**Next Meeting Tuesday October 5, 2021 via Zoom Video Conferencing**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Michael Carelli  
Secretary