

## **Oakland Environmental Commission**

### **January 2, 2018**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Lee Haymon, Gina Mayer-Costa, and Kevin Mauro were present. Erich Kamm, Michael Kozak, Alex Myers and Mike Da Silva were excused. Josh Lurie is resigning.
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. Open to the public – No public attended.
4. Reorganization – 2018 calendar of meetings – Nominations for officers were made. Nancy Krause was elected Chairwoman, Gina Mayer-Costa was elected Vice Chairwoman, and Jerri Angermueller was elected secretary. Meeting schedule was approved: First Tuesdays except for November, which is second Tuesday, and potentially July 10th.
5. Meeting Minutes Review – Minutes from 9-5-17, 10-3-17, and 11-14-17 were all approved with amendments.
6. **Old Business** –
  - a. Potash Lake Recreation Area – Residents, Kim Ferrone and her son, have been cleaning up the trails. A sign for the Park/boat dock/trail area is still needed.
  - b. Stewart Woods Nature Guide/map - Nancy Krause submitted a proposed guide. She is open to additions and improvements. The kiosk is built and a map is available.
  - c. Student Member of EC proposed – Possibility of student membership will be investigated.
7. **New Business**
  - a. Garbage and Recycling update – A new contract is in effect as of 2018. Garbage pick-up is twice weekly and recycling will be dual stream starting in February. This will improve income from paper recycling.
  - b. Plans for New Year – Open space plan recommendations – Several suggestions were made for 2018 goals, including: increasing local recycling, town parks clean-ups, removing invasive species and planting native plants, Town Carnival, C-1 stream day-lighting. ANJEC offers grants for stream day-lighting.
  - c. Annual Accomplishments for 2017 – Suggestions are being accepted from commissioners.
8. **Committee updates**
  - a. Town Council update – No report
  - b. Great Oak Park update – Efforts to complete Dog Park are progressing.
  - c. Green Team update – More members are needed.
  - d. Recycling update – The new Borough contract was discussed under new business.
  - e. Open Space update – Sandy Beach property purchase is still under review.
  - f. Communications – website/crossroads – The Borough posts announcements on its Facebook page as well as on the Borough website.
9. **Planning Board**/Board of Adjustments update – Open-space update for the Borough Master Plan was accepted by the Planning Board.
10. **Budget Status** – ANJEC membership is due for 2018.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. Next meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup>. Minutes submitted by Jerri Angermueller – secretary.