

**BOROUGH OF OAKLAND
Environmental Commission
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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January 10, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Environmental Commission opened on Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Chairman Lee Haymon, Erich Kamm, Jerri Angermueller,
Bill Eilert, Tony Bertuna, Council Liaison Pat Pignatelli,
Borough Secretary Michael Carelli.**

Absent: **Matthew Shook.**

On motion of Erich Kamm, seconded by Tony Bertuna, Matthew Shook be excused.

ALL IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 6, 2022

On motion of Tony Bertuna, seconded by Jerri Angermueller, the above listed minutes be approved as modified and discussed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN:

On motion of Erich Kamm, seconded by William Eilert, Lee Haymon be nominated as Chairman for 2023.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Haymon, Kamm, Eilert, Angermueller, Bertuna**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **Shook**
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN:

On motion of William Eilert, seconded by Lee Haymon, Erich Kamm be nominated as Vice-Chairman for 2023.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Haymon, Kamm, Eilert, Angermueller, Bertuna**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **Shook**
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

NOMINATIONS FOR BOROUGH SECRETARY:

On motion of Erich Kamm, seconded by Tony Bertuna, Michael Carelli be nominated as Borough Secretary for 2023.

ALL IN FAVOR.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Lee Haymon opened for public comment.

No public present.

Chairman Lee Haymon closed the public session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Borough Council: Councilman Pignatelli advised that a judge has decided in the Borough's favor regarding the Borough's Wastewater Management Plan, and the ruling was in the Borough's favor. Councilman Pignatelli advised that the Borough has received a proposal for a 24-hour operation on the Hovan Tract. The Borough is negotiating with the property owners. Jerri Angermueller asked if the developers disclosed what would be stored in the proposed warehouse.

Open Space: Erich Kamm suggested that the Borough attempt grant funding for the acquisition of Bi-County property. Councilman Pignatelli suggested that the Commission draft a letter to the Borough Council.

On motion of Tony Bertuna, seconded by Jerri Angermueller, the Commission shall draft a letter to the Borough Council requesting support for filing a grant application with the County of Bergen for the acquisition of Bi-County property.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Haymon, Kamm, Eilert, Angermueller, Bertuna**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **Shook**
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

Erich Kamm will write the letter on behalf of the Commission.

Great Oak Park: The Band Shell is pending installation. The Great Oak Park Ad-Hoc Committee has been disbanded. The Commission will work on pollinator gardens for 2023. Chairman Lee Haymon suggested an Open Space Maintenance and Management Plan. Mr. Haymon suggested tasking Matthew Shook to draft a plan.

Green Team: Borough Secretary Michael Carelli advised that the Green Team is hosting a Styrofoam Drive on Saturday January 14, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall, One Municipal Plaza.

Planning Board/Board of Adjustment: Chairman Lee Haymon advised that the vote on the Hovnanian Tract is scheduled for January 12, 2023. Hovnanian will be contributing to the Allerman Brook soil stabilization project. The roads will be private. No update on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Erich Kamm suggested to identify a goal for butterfly and pollinator programs. Mr. Kamm will draft outreach materials. It was suggested to reach out to the Bergen County Audubon Society. Erich Kamm will reach out to the Audubon Society. It was suggested to make a Butterfly sanctuary webpage on the Borough website. The Borough has identified the tree of heavens and is discussing removals.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business reported.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Lee Haymon opened for public comment.

No members of the public present.

Chairman Lee Haymon closed the public session.

ADJOURNMENT:

William Eilert set forth the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jerri Angermueller, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Carelli
Borough Secretary

The next Environmental Commission Meeting is scheduled for:
February 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436