

BOROUGH OF OAKLAND
Environmental Commission
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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January 18, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

The Reorganization and Regular Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Environmental Commission opened on Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 7:34 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Chairman Lee Haymon, Vice Chairman Michael Miner, Karen Lanza, Jerri Angermueller, Erich Kamm, Council Liaison Pat Pignatelli, Secretary Michael Carelli.**

Absent: **Austin Wall, Tony Bertuna, Michael Miner.**

Chairman Lee Haymon announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN:

Commissioner Erich Kamm set forth the motion to nominate Lee Haymon for Chairman for Calendar Year 2022, seconded by Commissioner Jerri Angermueller.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Angermueller, Kamm, Lanza**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstained: **Haymon**
 (3 yeas - 0 nays - Motion Carried)

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN:

Commissioner Erich Kamm set forth the motion to nominate Michael Miner for Vice Chairman for Calendar Year 2022, seconded by Karen Lanza.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Angermueller, Haymon, Kamm, Lanza**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstained: **None**
 (4 yeas - 0 nays - Motion Carried)

NOMINATIONS FOR BOROUGH SECRETARY:

Commissioner Jerri Angermueller set forth the motion to nominate Michael Carelli for Borough Secretary for Calendar Year 2022, seconded by Erich Kamm.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Angermueller, Haymon, Kamm, Lanza**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstained: **None**
 (4 yeas - 0 nays - Motion Carried)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 9, 2021

Chairman Lee Haymon set forth the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jerri Angermueller, to approve the above listed minutes as modified.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Angermueller, Haymon, Kamm, Lanza**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstained: **None**
 (4 yeas - 0 nays - Motion Carried)

December 14, 2021

Commissioner Erich Kamm set forth the motion, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lanza, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Angermueller, Kamm, Lanza**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstained: **None**
 (3 yeas - 0 nays - Motion Carried)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Lee Haymon opened for public comment.

Kathy Reilly expressed interest in serving on the Commission. Ms. Reilly provided her personal and professional background.

Chairman Lee Haymon closed the public session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Borough Council: Councilman Pat Pignatelli provided an update on the Sandy Beach property. Councilman Pignatelli added that the County of Bergen Land Acquisition Grant has expired.

Open Space: No further updates.

Great Oak Park: Michael Carelli added that the Borough has received a grant from the NJ Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement Fund for the Great Oak Park Band Shell Project. Mr. Carelli added that the project is expected to move forward in the near future. Commissioner Erich Kamm opposed the Band Shell Project and the new urbanized developments in the park.

Green Team: Michael Carelli recapped the Oakland Styrofoam Drive, which was held on January 8, 2022. 150 bags were collected with over 150 participants. The Green Team is working on alternative collection methods with the hope of bringing a regular collection to Oakland. If anyone had any ideas or suggestions, they were invited to contact Brian Reilly of the Green Team. Mr. Carelli added that the Green Team is working on the Styrofoam Free Business Program, which explains the new plastic and Styrofoam bans for retailers, and invited the Commission to participate in the Green Team's outreach efforts.

Planning Board/Board of Adjustment: Councilman Pignatelli added that the Borough Council reversed the Board of Adjustment's decision on the use variance for Elahi Fuel. This was the first time this has happened.

OLD BUSINESS:

GIS Map: Chairman Lee Haymon added that Commissioner Michael Miner is the lead on the project and will provide an update at the February Meeting. The High School is also looking to get involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

PFOS/PFOA: Chairman Lee Haymon provided an update on PFOS in Oakland. Residents should have received a mailer from the Borough. The Borough is working on plans and specifications for new systems. Chairman Lee Haymon suggested another Information Session. Lee Haymon suggested educating on filter options. Lee Haymon added that updated information is found on the Borough website.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: Michael Carelli read aloud the Bergen County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates for 2022. Further information is listed on the Borough Website and Borough Social Media Accounts.

Litter Cleanup: Chairman Lee Haymon will take the lead and expects more volunteers this year. Further information will be discussed at the next meeting.

Certificate: Chairman Lee Haymon asked Michael Carelli to prepare a Certificate to Alex Myers for his years of service to the Commission. Michael Carelli agreed to prepare a Certificate for the February 9, 2022 Council Meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Lee Haymon opened for public comment.

Chairman Lee Haymon expressed gratitude for Ms. Kathy Reilly attending tonight's meeting and invited her to consider serving as a Commissioner for 2022.

Chairman Lee Haymon closed the public session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Lee Haymon set forth the motion, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lanza, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Carelli
Borough Secretary

The next Environmental Commission Meeting is scheduled for:
Tuesday February 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing