

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

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September 13, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Environmental Commission opened on Tuesday May 17, 2022 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, Tony Bertuna, Matthew Shook,
Council Liaison Pat Pignatelli, Borough Secretary
Michael Carelli.**

Absent: **Karen Lanza.**

On motion of Matthew Shook, seconded by Jerri Angermueller, Karen Lanza and Michael Miner be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 15, 2022 - HELD

June 14, 2022 - HELD

August 2, 2022 - HELD

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Lee Haymon opened for public comment.

Alison Fleeson of 224 Hiawatha Boulevard, Oakland, N.J. 07436 encouraged the Commissioners to attend the park cleanup scheduled for Saturday September 17, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Great Oak Park, 23 Doty Road, Oakland, N.J. 07436. The cleanup involves litter abatement and maintenance of the existing tree tubes and stakes. Ms. Fleeson also encouraged the Commission to attend the Styrofoam drive on Saturday September 24, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Oakland Borough Hall, 1 Municipal Plaza.

Jo-Ann Orzo Ashkenazi of 501 Ramapo Valley Road, Oakland, N.J. 07436 introduced herself as the President of the Ramapo Mountain Lakes, Inc. Association and looks forward to working with the Commission. Ms. Ashkenazi hopes to join as a fulltime member.

Chairman Lee Haymon closed the public session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Borough Council: Councilman Pignatelli advised that the Borough has submitted another grant for the Patriot's Way Bridge project.

Open Space: Borough Secretary Michael Carelli advised that the parking lot within Great Oak Park off Doty Road is closed to the public for the next few months due to acting as a staging area for the Sewer Decommissioning Project.

Great Oak Park: Borough Secretary Michael Carelli advised that the Band Shell has been ordered and is expected to be installed by the winter of 2023. Chairman Haymon expressed interest in planting a butterfly garden at Great Oak Park next spring. Mr. Carelli encouraged to include funding in our 2023 budget submission. Mr. Haymon suggested \$500.

Council Liaison Pignatelli joined at 8:00 p.m.

Green Team: No updates.

Planning Board/Board of Adjustment: The Commission reviewed the Hovnanian plans. Comments will be drafted by Mr. Haymon on behalf of the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget: Mr. Carelli suggested using our remaining budget funds for a program to trap spotted lanternfly. Matthew Shook commented that the Commission dedicated funding for the GIS mapping project as well.

PFOS: The Borough held a Special Borough Council Meeting on Mon. August 29, 2022 about PFOA/PFOS issues. A remediation system is in process for installation by the end of 2023. The presentation documents are on the Borough website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spotted Lanternfly: Chairman Haymon suggested public information on traps available for the public to purchase. It was also suggested to create a webpage on the spotted lanternfly under the Commission page.

New Membership: Jo-Ann Ashkenazi and William Eilert introduced themselves as prospective new members. Mr. Haymon thanked them for their interest.

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:

Chairman Lee Haymon set forth the motion, seconded by Commissioner Matthew Shook, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Carelli
Borough Secretary

The next Environmental Commission Meeting is scheduled for:
October 4, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436