

**Oakland Environmental Commission Meeting
June 1, 2010**

The June meeting of the Oakland Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:40 PM by Chairman Lee Haymon. Members present were Nancy Krause, Michael Kozak, Darren Ward, Al LoPilato, and Rob Akovity. Council liaison Betsy Stagg also attended.

Old Business

1. **Green Team Update** – Some of the Sustainable Jersey point system is being changed for the new year. Peter Marcalus has a rain barrel he would auction off at a Green Fair. His PSA's are being shown on Local TV. This provides points, as does the YES group's anti-idling activities. A Boy Scout troop attended recently. They are looking for Green projects to work on. IHHS students are also interested in Green Team projects.
2. **Town Carnival Planning** – Rob Akovity has Bergen County hand-outs from Laurie Russo. Erich Kamm and Al LoPilato will coordinate open-space map display. Lee can laminate them. Klaus Angermueller is making a banner using the logo designed by IHHS art class. Rob will be sending out a sign up sheet for members to indicate when they can help man the table. Al LoPilato will supply reusable water bottles, Mark Ostapczuk has a supply of shopping bags for distribution. Nancy's recycling display will be on-hand, as well as info on water use, open-space and composting.
3. **OEC Logo Design** – Lee Haymon sent a letter of thanks to IHHS art class, teacher and students. The logo will be used on the Commission's new banner.
4. **Raymond Property Cleanup/Trail Plan** – A permit from NJDEP is necessary in order to make a permanent stream-crossing road on the property. A temporary log / woodchip trail would be an easier route to take. Councilwoman Stagg suggested that Oakland DPW workers do more work-in-kind there as part of the Borough's share of the grant offering. Lee was able to print out a large map of the property for trail definition drawings. Betsy offered to take the map to DEP offices in Trenton for trail permits. Property could be used for a nature center in coordination with the local schools. Grant available is \$40K.
5. **First Aid Squad Building** – Mark Ostapczuk was not available to speak about plans to make Oakland's First Aid Squad building more energy efficient.

Old Business

1. **Webpage and e-mail** – Secretary will check to make sure the Carnival is announced on the Borough website.
2. **Recycling Update** – Mike Kozak is in touch with DPW Superintendent about recycling improvements.
3. **Open Space Update** – Heritage Hills was closed on in May. It is now Borough property. Cleaning up the property could become a goal for local organizations.
4. **Planning Board/Board of Adjustments schedule** – Highlands and COAH regulation changes are being discussed. Oakland does not have sufficient ground water to support further building development in town per Councilwoman Stagg.

Budget status – Meeting Minutes Review – Tabled till next meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. Minutes submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller.