

Oakland Environmental Commission

May 4, 2010

1. **Open Meeting** – Called to order by Lee Haymon at 7:50 PM. Members present were Erich Kamm, Nancy Krause, and Al LoPilato.

2. **New Business**
 - a. **Green Team Update** Wednesday, April 21 last meeting was held. Meetings will generally be held on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month. They need help to do a Green Fair. IHHS will be contacted to gain the help of students on the Team.
 - b. **Town Carnival Planning** – Rob Akovity e-mailed that he has put in a reservation for a booth at the carnival for 6/ 24-25–26/10. Mark Ostapczuk has a supply of County recyclable shopping bags. Al LoPilato will again bring metal water bottles
 - c. **OEC Design/Symbol and Shirts** – Chairman Haymon will write a thank you note to the students who entered their designs for consideration, and to their teachers.
 - d. **Raymond Property Cleanup** – Members met 4/24/10 for a clean-up. Various refuse and 4 tires were removed from the property, which was evaluated for the possibility of making woodchip walking paths through the accessible areas. Lee will mark the wetlands buffer zone and dry areas on a large map to continue the work of applying for a trail grant on the property.
 - e. **Yes Cleanup** – Judy Vihonski has announced May 15 as YES town clean-up day.
 - f. **First Aid Squad Building upgrades** – Mark Ostapczuk introduced the First Aid Squad’s plans to renovate their building and increase its energy efficiency. He hopes to be a liaison for possible LEED status upgrades.
 - g. **New State Legislation** – Erich Kamm informed the Commission that recent N.J. legislation exempts solar panels from impervious ground cover restrictions.
 - h. **ANJEC Grants** – Seed Grants for Greenways Projects from Eastman Kodak, the National Geographic and the Conservation Fund provide seeds grants up to \$2500 for providing Greenways. Application is due 6/15/10 by ConservationFund.org.

3. **Old Business**
 - a. **Webpage and e-mail** – needs updating with the new Borough system being planned.
 - b. **Recycling Update** – Michael Kozak was absent. No update available.
 - c. **Open Space Update**
 - i. **Heritage Hills** – Lee will contact DPW Superintendent Marcucilli about the status of investigations of the Heritage Hill property conditions. Commission members would like to walk the property to see the extent of the existing debris.

4. **Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update**
 - a. **Current Projects** – West Bergen Mental Healthcare – 24 W. Oakland Ave.
 - b. **Meeting Schedule** – May 11th Board of Adjustments and May 13th Planning Board
An amended Housing Plan and Fair Share Plan is on the agenda.

5. **Budget Status** – Members discussed the possibility of decreasing the budget by 5%.

6. **Close Meeting** – meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.
Minutes submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller.