

## **Oakland Environmental Commission**

### **November 9, 2009**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:38 by Chairman Lee Haymon. Members present were Erich Kamm, Nancy Krause, Michael Lynch, Mark Ostapczuk, and Darren Ward
2. **New Business**
  - a. **Green Team Progress** – Erich Kamm reported on the feasibility study, which he presented at the last Green Team meeting. Subgroups are being formed to work on various points of the program. The Recycling group is working with the Borough officials. An e-mail will be created to send out to the Oakland-EC gmail addresses to keep interested parties informed of the Green Team’s progress. Jerri, Mike Kozak and Lee will work on that. Mike Lynch will upload Green Forum e-mail contacts to gmail.
  - b. **Deer Issue Update** – Nancy reported that the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife had reports of 53,260 deer harvested so far this year. The Division needs to see proof of a problem, and the efforts made to control the problem before they allow a hunt in any given town. Data gathered along with avenues of action will be written up and submitted to Oakland’s Administration.
  - c. **Trail Grant** – per Darren Ward, the due date for the application is 12/15/09. OEC Commission members made suggestions to offer to the Borough to improve the plans of the walking/biking path through the Recreation Fields. Mark Ostapczuk will talk to Steve Wagoner of the Oakland Recreation Commission about progress on their plan. Councilwoman Stagg will be given recommendations, such as using the OEC to help with the creation of a nature-friendly pathway on the Raymond property.
  - d. **ANJEC Annual Meeting** – Nancy Krause reported on the meeting. Per Nancy, many NJ Green Teams attended. Nancy would like this Environmental Commission to do a project that would earn an ANJEC Achievement Award, perhaps on a nature trail.
  - e. **Septic Pumping** – Per M Ostapczuk, the Board of Health tabled its septic maintenance ordinance master plan for the Borough. They were discussing whether or not septic maintenance schedules should be requirements. Lee Haymon plans to write a position statement for the Oakland Environmental Commission. to comment on this question.
  - f. **Highlands Conformance** – Eileen Swan, Director of the NJ Highlands Commission gave a talk before the Oakland Planning Board on the options and consequences each Highlands town has when deciding for compliance or non-compliance in the planning areas. Grants are available to towns who decide to restrict development in their area. Erich Kamm will write an OEC position letter to the Borough on compliance.
  - g. **PRIDE Involvement** – tabled till next meeting. This Pompton Lakes group is looking for local support for a chemical clean up of nitrate levels in the Pompton Lake.

- h. OEC Design/Symbol** - Nancy Krause offered 3 designs for a shirt and banner logo. The Oakleaf logo was preferred, but Darren Ward said he would ask his IHHS child's design-class teacher if their class could also work on possibilities for a logo. Mike Lynch will contact the Borough Purchasing Department for useable shirt vendors.

### **3. Old Business**

- a. Webpage and e-mail** – An e-mail letter is being created to send out to residents who signed up at the Green Forum and the Town Picnic to be on our mailing list. Jerri, Michael Kozak and Lee Haymon are working on this. The letter will cover progress of the Green Team as well as plans of this Environmental Comm.
- b. Recycling Update** – Michael Kozak was not available for an update.
- c. Open Space Update -**
  - i. Heritage Hills** – the Mayor & Council passed 2 resolutions for the purchase of this property and the funding of the purchase.
  - ii. Open Space Fund** – The resolution was passed statewide on Election Day to continue with the taxation for this fund.

### **4. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update**

- a. Current Projects** – Highlands Compliance is still being discussed.
  - b. Meeting Schedule-** The Board of Adjustments will be meeting 11/10 and 12/08/09. The Planning Board is meeting 11/12 an 12/10/09.
  - c. New plans** – Lee Haymon took the public notification letter for Engineering Labs on West Oakland Avenue, where the company is planning an environmental evaluation.
5. **Budget Status** – Nancy's attendance at the ANJEC meeting will be reimbursed. The Borough has adopted a purchase freeze effective November 12, 2009.

### **6. Meeting Minutes Review**

- a. Approve multiple minutes** – a correction to October meeting minutes will be made. May, June, July, August and September 2009 minutes were approved.

### **7. Close Meeting** – Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller