

## **Oakland Environmental Commission**

### **December 1, 2009**

1. **Open Meeting** – meeting called to order 7:40 PM by Chairman Lee Haymon. Members present were Mike Kozak, Robert Akovity, Nancy Krause, Erich Kamm, Mark Ostapczuk, Al LoPilato, and Darren Ward
  
2. **New Business**
  - a. **Green Team Progress** – Mike Kozak and Erich Kamm presented minutes of the 11/18/09 meeting. M. Kozak is on the Recycling sub-committee with Borough Administrator & Superintendent. 34 towns have received Sustainable NJ Certification. Possible actions by Oakland for NJS points could include updating ordinances to promote green construction, lawn & septic maintenance, as well as expansion of the mulching/recycling center. It was suggested that High School students help do energy audits, and that certified town websites should be checked for further suggestions.
  - b. **Deer Issue Update** – Nancy Krause is attempting to get figures on deer pick-ups in town. She will contact Bergen County in regard to State Park hunting regulations.
  - c. **Raymond Property Trail** – Darren Ward and Lee Haymon would like the Environmental Commission to be involved in the trail development.
  - d. **Rec. Field Trail** – Mark Ostapczuk will talk to Rec. Commissioner Steve Wagoner about the progress or difficulties involved with a Rec. Field hiking/biking trail.
  - e. **Septic Pumping** – per Mark Ostapczuk, the Planning Board is discussing possible septic ordinances, also considering certain alternative septic systems, such as sludge digester systems, which may be handled differently from standard systems.
  - f. **OEC Design/Symbol and Shirts**- Darren reported that the IHHS design class will work on a logo for the OEC. A purchase freeze prohibits shirt purchases in 2009.
  - g. **Annual Report** – The secretary will work on a report of accomplishments for 2009.
  
3. **Old Business**
  - a. **Webpage and e-mail**
    - i. **Recent Mass E-mail** – e-mail was sent out prior to November Green Team meeting. No responses were received. EC members received mailing.
  - b. **Recycling Update** – M. Kozak is discussing with Borough Officials continued once a week garbage pick-up and increasing commingled pick-up to weekly, based on feedback from residents of the abundance of commingled.
  - c. **Open Space Update**
    - i. **Heritage Hills** – The Borough is working on a Phase I study of the property before actual purchase.
    - ii. **NJ Capital** – Councilwoman Stagg will be contacted on status of purchase.
    - iii. **Next Target** – Pinnacle property would complete an open nature strip from Franklin Lakes to the Ramapo River but a possible purchase would be very expensive. The Nature Conservancy could be contacted for funding. Erich Kamm will get further information on the historic Beacon site by ShopRite.

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

- a. **Current Projects** – Highlands' Compliance has been approved by the Borough.
- b. **Meeting Schedule** – Thursday & Tuesday
- c. **New plans** – Construction on a facility for Asperger's Syndrome patients on Raritan Rd is being planned. Lee Haymon will investigate plans for this construction.

**5. Budget Status** - \$200 of 2009 budgeted funds are unspent, but a purchase freeze for all Borough departments has been imposed for the rest of the year.

**6. Meeting Minutes Review**

- a. **Approve multiple minutes** – corrections made to November minutes.

**7. Close Meeting** – the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller