

Oakland Environmental Commission

February 7, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Members present were Alex Myers, Mike DaSilva, Gina Mayer-Costa, Kevin Mauro and Joshua Lurie. Council liaison Sandra Coira attended. Michael Kozak arrived late. Lee Haymon and Erich Kamm were excused.
2. Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the open public meetings law, duly announced, advertised, and posted in the municipal building.
3. **Open to public** - 2 members of the public spoke:
 - a. Kathleen Fitzgerald – AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador came to introduce herself to the Commission. She offers programs on water health and quality. She also helps with local nature clean-up projects.
 - b. George Stafford of the NJ Highlands Commission introduced himself. He works with “Keep it Green”. He provided two draft resolutions that he like to have supported by the Commission and the Mayor& Council. They are concerned with open-space funding through payment in lieu of taxes and ground water recharge. Copies of the draft were given to the Chairman for the Council.
4. **Annual reorganization** – Nominations were made for officers for 2017. Nancy Krause was elected Chairperson. Gina Mayer-costa was elected Vice Chairperson. Jerri Angermueller was elected secretary. Alex Myers is now a full member. Michael DaSilva is alternate 1.
5. **Meeting Minutes** Review from 12-6-16. Minutes were tabled to March.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Pilgrim pipeline status – A newspaper article about the Pipeline was discussed. The “Key oil terminals reject plans to connect with the project” was the subject.
 - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area - Eagle Scout projects – No update.
 - c. Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map - Alex Myers is working on completing the trail guide by April 22nd for the “Team-up to Clean-up” event.
 - d. Film Fest – Plans are progressing for the event. A flyer has been created and is available on the website to see topics and times of films on 4 consecutive Thursdays, March 16 – April 6, in Wyckoff and Franklin Lakes (March 23rd).
7. **New Business**
 - a. Annual achievements report – The report was circulated for comment. It was approved by commissioners and will be forwarded to council members.
 - b. New Members – Kevin Mauro is a full commissioner. Joshua Lurie is alternate 2.
 - c. Team up, To Clean Up 2017 – A flyer for the April 22nd event has been posted on the Borough website. The Chairwoman will contact the Public Events Committee to request refreshments for the event. Hand-outs for participants were considered.

8. Committee Updates

- a.* Town Council Update – Council liaison reported that the Council is discussing water conservation issues and open-space funding. Sustainable Jersey points are available for water conservation ordinances passed by the Council.
- b.* Great Oak Park Update - The Park is closed to vehicles for the winter.
- c.* Green Team Update - Oakland Borough certification will expire Dec. 31, 2017. Kevin Mauro, who is also on the Green Team, reported that a carbon-footprint action is being developed. A grant application for bicycle racks and more bike infrastructure is due by February 28th. The Recreation Committee is helping. Nancy Krause listed accomplishments to be included in current recertification.
- d.* Recycling Update – The recycling coordinator submitted tonnage reports.
- e.* Open Space Update – Local water resources were discussed. A river monitoring system was suggested. Pompton Lakes presented a water quality report to their town. It is available publicly on-line.
- f.* Communications – website/crossroads – Gina is updating the website. She will send out a news blast about the Film Festival for registered residents.

9. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a.* Current Projects – The Burger King is seeking approval to move to 186 Ramapo Valley Rd. The Wawa permit is on hold while debate is going on before the Board of Adjustments as to jurisdiction

10. Budget Status – The budget is being discussed by the Council.

11. Close Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Next meeting is March 7, 7:30pm. Minutes submitted by secretary Jerri Angermueller.