

Oakland Environmental Commission

March 6, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Gina Mayer-Costa, Erich Kamm, and Kevin Mauro were present. Lee Haymon, Michael Kozak and Alex Myers were excused. Mike DaSilva has resigned. Council liaison Pat Pignatelli attended.
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 – Carol Peterson of 95 Seminole Ave. spoke on her interest in up-coming bee-keeper legislation that, if approved by NJ, would restrict bee-keeping to properties of certain sizes. Bee-keepers would be required to be certified. She requested support of the Environmental Commission asking the Mayor & Council to pass a resolution opposing the legislation, and waiving the fee as other NJ towns are doing. Carol also reported on SJ Bergen County Hub activities. The BCUA is interested in obtaining a Styrofoam recycler.
4. Meeting Minutes Review from 2/6/18 – The minutes were passed with 1 amendment.

5. Old Business

- a. Potash Lake Recreation Area – sign – Kevin Mauro presented an estimate for 2 metal signs to indicate the entrance to the lake parking lot. A requisition will be submitted to the Administrator for further approval.
- b. Stewart Woods Nature guide/map – A digital version of the map/guide will be included on the Borough website Env. Commission page as a pdf file. It was proposed that a Betsy Stagg memorial tree be planted in Stewart Woods.
- c. Student member of EC proposal – Indian Hills High School will be contacted for potential student members. The Newsletter will include a request for members.
- d. Team Up to Clean Up! – A registration is available on the website. Participants in the April 21st event need to be contacted through schools, Borough e-blasts, flyers and Facebook pages. Community Service credits can be offered to students.
- e. FLOW Film Festival – Gina is posting the flyers on the Borough websites. The March 8th butterfly film has been changed to April 5th at the Wyckoff Library.

6. New Business

- a. Bee Hive Resolution – Kevin Mauro will compose a letter of recommendation for approval by the Mayor & Council.
- b. Tree Planting- Roots for Rivers – Adam Iaccheo- WMA 3 Ambassador – The program provides yearly support for tree planting and maintenance along river banks.
- c. Wood chip restoration along Stewart Woods trail and pathways – April 7th at 9AM has been proposed as a date to spread woodchips before the Clean-up. All Commission members and their families are invited to take part.

7. Committee Updates

- a. Town Council Update – Budget hearings are on-going. A resolution restricting Marijuana usage or sales is being discussed.
- b. Great Oak Park Update – No report
- c. Green Team Update – Members are needed to participate.
- d. Recycling Update – flyer/battery – Flyer is being updated on the website.

- e.* Open Space Update (Bi-County Property/Sandy Beach) – The Bergen County Open-Space application was submitted to the County. Nancy Krause will do a presentation at the Mayor& Council meeting to encourage the Council's support of the grant. Commissioners are encouraged to attend the meeting March 14th.
- f.* Communications – website/crossroads Gina plans to post a bee-keeping letter in the OEC newsletter. Eric Kulmala is the Council liaison for Communications.

8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a.* Current Projects – Wawa discussion is on-going

9. Budget Status – ANJEC dues are being paid.

10. Closed meeting at 8:45PM. Next meeting April 3rd, 7:30PM. Minutes submitted by Jerri Angermueller