

# **Oakland Environmental Commission Agenda**

## **March 7, 2017**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35PM by Gina Mayer-Costa. Members present were Erich Kamm, Alex Myers, Kevin Mauro, and Josh Lurie. Nancy Krause arrived. Sandra Coira attended as council liaison. Lee Haymon, Michael Kozak and Mike DaSilva 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 – Carol Peterson of 95 Seminole Ave introduced herself as a resident.
4. Meeting Minutes Review from 12-6-16, 2-7-17 Minutes amended and approved.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Pilgrim pipeline status – CAPP is holding an event at Valley Stables Thursday 3/30/17 for awareness and fund-raising concerning the pipeline awareness.
  - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area - Eagle scout projects – No activity
  - c. Stewart Woods/Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map – The Land Conservancy is seeking a grant to pay for printing guides for use along the nature trail. It should be available for the April clean-up event.
  - d. Film Fest – Flyers are being distributed to inform the public about the schedule of Green films to be shown at the Wyckoff Public Library Thursday 3/16(Death by Design), 3/30(Silence of the Bees) and 4/6 (The Highland – Rediscovered) at 7 PM. The film PUMP will be shown at Ramapo High School 3/23/17.
  - e. Team up, To Clean Up 2017 – A flyer is being distributed about the April 22<sup>nd</sup> event to take place at the town parks 9 AM – 12 noon. OEM is also hosting a Skyline Dr. clean-up at the same time. A hand-out for the participants was discussed. Efforts are being made to provide refreshments for volunteers.
  - f. Bush Plaza proposed Station Park – Planning is on-going. Previous designs of the downtown area are also being taken into consideration.
6. **New Business**
  - a. Resolution in Support of Clean Water Supplies – NJ Highlands Commission – This was discussed and tabled to April meeting for further consideration.
  - b. Resolution of Support for Sustainable Open Space, Farmland, Historic Preservation and Stewardship Funding for New Jersey – This will be further researched. It was tabled to the April meeting.
  - c. Ponds Church invitation to solar panel dedication – Sunday March 19th, 11AM. Environmental Commission members are invited to attend.
  - d. Dogwood /Stewart Woods culvert being replaced – The Borough has taken on this project to assure safety on the trails. It was suggested that wooden foot bridges be constructed to help navigate the paths. Joshua Lurie wants to contact NY/NJ Trail Conference for possible advice or cooperation.
  - e. Open Space Plan Update/Green Team has applied for PSEG Sustainable Jersey Grant for possible bicycle stands in town.
7. **Committee Updates**
  - a. Town Council Update – Ms. Coira reported that the water conservation resolution is being created. This will facilitate the installation of downtown sewerage.
  - b. Great Oak Park Update – Only pedestrian access is currently permitted till April.
  - c. Green Team Update – Oakland certification will expire December 31, 2017. Kevin Mauro reported on Sustainable Jersey efforts.

- d.* Recycling Update – A paper shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at 8 AM next to Borough Hall. Visit <http://LetsTalkOakland.us> for details.
- e.* Open Space Update – Bi-County Property – Bergen County reinstated a .01/\$100 property value open-space tax rate allowing for increased funding.
- f.* Communications – website/crossroads – The Website is running and is being continuously updated by Commission members.

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

- a.* Current Projects – A plan for update to the septic system of CTC Academy on Bauer Dr. was submitted to the Commission for review and comments.
- b.* Burger King construction issues are being discussed.

**9. Budget Status** – Under discussion by Mayor & Council.

**10. Close Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 9PM. Next meeting April 4 at 7:30pm. Minutes submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller.