

Oakland Environmental Commission

April 2, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Lee Haymon, Erich Kamm, David Blanke, Carol Peterson, Alison Fleeson and Peter Kikot were present. Alex Myers was excused. Gina Mayer-Costa has resigned.
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 – No public was present.
4. Reorganization – David Blanke was nominated as chairman and elected. Carol Peterson was elected Vice Chairperson. Jerri Angermueller was elected secretary.
5. Meeting Minutes Review from 3-5-19. Minutes were approved with amendments.
6. **Old Business**
 - a) FLOW film festival – March 22, recap - Carol Peterson. She reported that attendance was good for the 4 films. Former OEC junior member Calli O’Neal introduced the film “Bag It” during the film festival.
 - b) Team Up to Clean Up - Nancy Krause – Meeting point was moved to Dogwood Hills School due to a conflict at Valley Middle School. Refreshments will be available at 8:30AM before splitting up to go to various parks. After clean-ups are completed, participants can get refreshments at Potash Lake off West Oakland Ave. Oakland Public Events Committee and Bergen County Clean Communities grant are supplying the refreshments.
 - c) Roots for Rivers - Carol Peterson has scheduled removal of invasive plant species on April 6th, 10 AM – noon from the Great Oak Park area where trees are to be planted.. The tree planting is proposed for May 4th and 5th. Invasive species are found on the RestoreNativePlants.org website. Ramapo College One Step members are also invited.
 - d) 2019 Plan and Goals – tabled to May.
 - e) <http://www.anjec.org/pdfs/2019OpenSpaceGrants-Application.pdf> - Peter Havel, Oakland Library Director has suggested that the library could use a rain-garden or a pollinator garden. The Senior Center might also use such gardens.
 - f) Dog park tree recommendations – Peter Kikot offered suggestions for native dog-safe plants and trees to plant. The Dog Park Committee voted to present list to the Mayor & Council for approval. Native trees were suggested. Forestry paint or removable tape can be used to mark trees in the future.
7. **New Business** – No new business.
8. **Committee Updates**
 - a) Town Council Update - Pat Pignatelli – no report

- b) Great Oak Park Update – Erich Kamm attended the meeting at which the Dog Park was discussed. Erich commented that plans for work being planned in the Park need to be submitted for public comment and approval. Head-wall to the C-1 stream in that area needs a 300' buffers. It was questioned whether fertilizers would be used on the Great Lawn and if run-offs basins are needed. Plans were made for Commissioners to contact public officials to discuss the current status of work being done on the Great Lawn.
- c) Green Team Update - Carol Peterson reported on the up-coming Styrofoam collection event which is scheduled for Sunday, April 28th, 11 AM – 3 PM at the Borough Hall parking lot. This is a Green Team action.
- d) Open Space Update – Negotiations are still on-going.
- e) Communications – Mike Carelli in the Borough Administrator's department is posting newsletters to the Borough website and Facebook page.

9. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a) Current Projects – C-1 stream designation for the Ramapo River is being discussed at the NJ State level. Flood Hazard maps will be updated by August. Oakland's downtown redevelopment plans include a discussion the storm-water run-off impact of re-directed roads. Downtown sewers are still being discussed.
- b) Review Plans – Plans were available for review.

10. Budget Status – The requested budget of \$1,000 for miscellaneous expenses is still waiting for approval by the Mayor& Council.

11. Close Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 9:20. The next meeting will be May 7th at 7:30 PM. Minutes were submitted by secretary Jerri Angermueller.