

**Oakland Environmental Commission Meeting**  
**May 1, 2018**

1. **Meeting called to order** at 7:30 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Gina Mayer-Costa, Lee Haymon, Erich Kamm, Carol Peterson and David Blanke attended. Michael Kozak and Alex Myers were excused. Pat Pignatelli attended as Council liaison.
2. **Meeting Announcement** – This meeting is being held in accordance with the Oakland public meeting law, duly announced, advertised and posted in the Municipal Building.
3. **Open to the Public** – Dogwood School students Hudson Brannon and Giana Mardik gave a presentation they are putting on display in Stewart Woods. Their theme displays the dangers of single use plastic bags. They are currently working on a project to contact local businesses and residents and ask them to replace single-use bags with reusable canvas bags. They are asking for the support of the Environmental Commission and access to the display case in the park. The request was discussed. Lee moved and Carol seconded that permission be given for use of the enclosed case in Stewart Woods to display their placard to the public. The motion was approved.
4. **Meeting Minutes review** – Meeting minutes of March and April were tabled to June.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. **Potash Lake Recreation Area Sign** – The Oakland Recreation Commission is planning to provide a sign marking the entrance to the Potash Lake boat ramp and walking trail area along West Oakland Ave. The DPW has agreed to install the sign.
  - b. **Stewart Woods** – Dogwood Hills School students are putting informational signs on display at Stewart Woods. Nancy Krause is providing trail guides for the pathways.
  - c. **Student member of EC** – Calli O’Neal has applied to be student member of the Environ. Commission. Her status will be discussed with the Borough, but in the meantime, she can attend the public meetings and take part in activities open to the public. It would be helpful for the Green Team for her to be a connection to Indian Hills High School.
  - d. **Team-up to Clean-up Follow up** – It was estimated that 50 people took part in the event. Increasing participation next year was discussed. Calli O’Neal offered to contact the National Honors Society to request participants in 2019.
  - e. **Bee Hive resolution** – Amendments were made to the draft. The final version will be submitted to the Mayor and Council.
  - f. **Butterfly Garden** – 50 Milkweed plants are scheduled to be delivered by May 19<sup>th</sup>. They need to be planted in Great Oak Park. Riverside Nursery has offered to donate mulch.
6. **New Business**
  - a. **Water Quality Report** – Resident Judith Sullivan has contacted the Commission about the most recent water quality report. She would like the Commission to investigate. Lee Haymon will provide more information about sodium and 1-4 dioxane for public information.
  - b. **Town Carnival** – Plans are being made for the 6/13 – 6/17 Carnival participation.
  - c. **Environmental review of Station Park** – Nancy will send out documents for review by Commissioners by 5/5/18 – the meeting date of the Station Park committee. A recommendation will be created.

## **7. Committee updates**

- a. Town Council update – Pat Pignatelli spoke on the Sandy Beach purchase offer and grant application. As long as there is no sewage treatment for the area, development in the flood zone is limited. A second appraisal can still be obtained for the seller for negotiations.
- b. Great Oak Park update – The Great Lawn is being created. The Dog Park project is still raising funds.
- c. Green Team update – A report was given on a program which provides free park benches when 500 lbs. of plastic bags are collected and given to the program sponsor. A Mayors' regatta is scheduled to be held in Oradell as a Bergen County Green Team event.
- d. Recycling update – tabled to next meeting.
- e. Open-Space update – Sandy Beach property is still available for purchase by the Borough.
- f. Communications – website/Crossroads – Gina will post photos of the Clean-up on the EC Borough webpage.

## **8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustments**

- a. **Current projects** – Plans have been received from the Board of Adjustments for review.

Budget status – David Blanke is eligible for ANJEC membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next meeting will be June 5, 2018.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller.