

Oakland Environmental Commission

May 7, 2019

- 1. Meeting called to order** at 7:30 PM by Chair David Blanke. Alex Myers, Lee Haymon and Alison Fleeson were present. Carol Peterson arrived during the meeting. Erich Kamm, Nancy Krause and Peter Kikot were excused. Councilman 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** – No public attended.
- 4. Approval of the agenda** – Agenda was approved.
- 5. Meeting Minutes Review** – reviewed then tabled.
- 6. Committee Updates**
 - a. Town Council** - Pat Pignatelli reported that a 2nd appraisal has been scheduled for the Sandy Beach property.
 - b. Great Oak Park** – Comments made by Lee Haymon and an e-mail from Peter Kikot. Peter Marcus proposed donating a metallic sculpture to Great Oak Park. It was suggested that a Council of the Arts be created in Oakland to advise on ideas of art in the parks. An Eagle Scout project for the Park is in planning stage. Dog Park discussion is ongoing. Environmental issues to be considered were brought up. David Blanke has written a memo for the Mayor & Council on issues that have been recommended for discussion. Pat Pignatelli encouraged communication between the Great Oak Park Committee and the Environmental Commission through official channels. Ali Fleeson expressed that the Environmental Commission should have access to plans for review as they evolve. David Blanke will be the primary point of contact with Mike Guadagnino for questions and concerns of the Commissioners. Lee Haymon and Peter Kikot plan to continue to attend Great Oak Park Committee meetings. David Blanke will provide comments to be brought forth from the Commission. The next Park Committee meeting is scheduled for June 5th.
 - c. Green Team** – Ali Fleeson reported on activities. Habitat boxes for Great Oak Park and bat boxes for Wells Field are being discussed. The Roots for Rivers project has completed on May 1st with the planting of 496 trees and shrubs including blueberry, cranberry and spice bushes as were discussed with the Mayor, Council members and other officials.
 - d. Open Space** – No report
- 7. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Team Up to Clean Up** – David Blanke reported on the success of the event by volunteers including pruning done by Wink/Krug Landscaping. Plans for next year's event are being made. Carol Peterson will contact businesses to have their personnel help with the Clean-up as well as other projects.
 - b. 2019 Plan and Goals** – Ali Fleeson brought up that the NRI is in need of updating. Lee Haymon will provide the protocol for updating the NRI including having it approved by the Planning Board and Council.
- 8. New Business**

- a.* Town Carnival - Carol Peterson reported that the Environmental Commission will be sharing a table with the Green Team. The booth will offer videos, recycled crayons, shopping bags and other hand-outs.
- b.* Communications - David Blanke will send out an invitation to Google Drive so that all Commission members can share information there.
- c.* Water Quality Report - Lee Haymon discussed questions about the report. It was mentioned that Ridgewood Water Company has education sessions on their water quality reports. Councilman Kulmala can be invited to the next Commission meeting to discuss water issues. It was brought up that beet juice brine is used in more northern states with much success for harsh winter road conditions. This brine creates less of a salt runoff on the roads.

9. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update -

- a.* Current Projects - Lee Haymon spoke about a conceptual plan for 60 units at the Ramapo Motor Lodge site that is under consideration by local residents.
- b.* Review Plans – Dewey Electronics at 27 Muller Rd is under consideration for a minor subdivision. Plans were reviewed for possible comments.

10. Budget Status – The Borough budget is scheduled to be approved this month. David Blanke was given a copy of this year's budget and expenses.

11. Close Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM. Next meeting June 4, 7:30 PM. Minutes submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller.