

## **Oakland Environmental Commission**

### **June 4, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Members present were Lee Haymon, Mike Lynch, Erich Kamm, Mark Ostapczuk, and Gina Mayer-Costa. Michael Kozak, Darren Ward, and Al LoPilato were excused.

1. Meeting Minutes Review from 5/7/2013 – minutes approved with adjustments.

#### **2. Old Business**

##### **a. Stewart's Woods Update -**

i. Curb side Oak Trees – Small maples have been marked by the Shade Tree Commission for removal. Oak trees have been ordered to be planted. Tina Albrecht of the Oakland Education Foundation reminded N. Krause that \$20K of the grant is from the Foundation. She requested that the OEC accept the advice of the Foundation and use planning assistance from a professional landscape planner as we proceed with trail design.

ii. Eagle Scout project progress report – Applications are proceeding.

##### **b. NRI**

i. Map Details – N. Krause is in touch with D. Kratzer. Alex Myer is working on Stewart's Woods GIS mapping. L. Haymon advised that there are probably no abandoned Brownfields in town.

ii. List of birds and other wildlife – Dan Poalillo of IHHS provided the Commission with a list of birds which have been seen in Oakland.

iii. Sub-committee progress – Alex Myer will work with friends to create a wildlife list.

**c. Town Carnival June 26-29** – Gina Mayer-Costa is circulating a schedule sheet for booth coverage. Members need to sign up for at least two time slots per member.

i. Brainstorm themes:

1. Water taste testing – Samples of Oakland tap water, commercial bottled water, and local, tested spring water will be available for people to taste and compare. This should help promote thinking about water quality and conservation.

2. A sign-up sheet will give people a chance to provide contact info so the OEC can provide alerts on activities and environmental issues that arise in Oakland.

3. Maps and information on local open-spaces, parks and historic sites will be available for discussion, especially due to the upcoming open-space referendum vote.

ii. Sign up to cover EC table – The schedule will be available by e-mail in DropBox.

**d. Great Oak Park Update** – Lee Haymon has read the Phase I study which was done when the Borough purchased the property. A Phase II study will do soil testing for any possible contaminants. Lee would like the Commission to be involved in a draft plan for the Phase II study for advice and opinions. Any closed wells should be abandoned properly.

i. Plans for Use – Erich Kamm reiterated that the Rec Commission should be advised to work with the Environmental Commission to identify permits needed for the activities they plan to complete in the Park. Lee Haymon will find a “Scope of Work” model to advise them on what studies need to be completed before changes can be made. This would also inform the Mayor & Council. DEP permits could be requested using the ‘Scope of Work’ plan. L. Haymon, E. Kamm, and M. Ostapczuk will work on this.

e. **Tamarack Bike Trail Progress** – No new information

3. **New Business**

a. **YES clean up June 8** – 8:30-12 – Members who want to participate can meet at Doty Rd at 9AM. Be prepared for cleaning up the Park area. Children are encouraged to take part.

b. **Letter to Council Regarding Open Space Trust Fund** – Erich Kamm will compose a letter to respond to the Mayor & Council request for input on the open-space funding issue.

c. **ANJEC Land Preservation Road Show** – For possible joint activities of Environmental Commissions, Nancy Krause will meet with Chairwomen of Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Environmental Commissions for further planning.

4. **Committee Updates**

a. Green Team Update – No changes

b. Recycling Update – No new information

c. Open Space Update – Chairman Krause requested that the Commission write a public opinion on the issue of Open-Space funding and Open-Space acquisition in the face of an upcoming referendum on the matter.

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

a. Current Projects – Lee Haymon is attending Planning Board meetings. Complete Streets policy is being discussed along with other business.

b. Meeting Schedule – meetings 6/11/13 and 6/13/13.

6. **Budget Status** – Budget has been passed. \$250 is currently available. Commission shirts are still under discussion. Commission members offered to pay \$10 each toward a \$20 shirt to match the Borough budget portion. It was moved and approved that \$100 be used to fund 10 polo-shirts with OEC logo. The motion was passed unanimously. Gina moved that the Commission fund a website that Commission members can design and maintain. A 3 year web domain registration would cost \$30. The motion was seconded and passed. The matters will be discussed with Boro Administrator Rich Kunze.

7. **Close Meeting** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. (next meeting July 9, 7:30pm). The minutes were submitted by secretary Jerri Angermueller.