

Oakland Environmental Commission

June 7, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Nancy Krause. Members present were Alex Myers, Gina Mayer-Costa, Mike DaSilva and Peter Tuohy. Michael Kozak arrived at 8:30 PM. Council liaison Sandra Coira was present. Eric Kamm, Lee Haymon and Mark Ostapczuk 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 – Eagle Scout candidate Evan Pappas presented his concept for a trail renovation and improvement to the path leading right from entrance to Potash Lake. He plans to include benches, bird houses, park & path signs, path widening and clearing. Michael Shevtsov, 11 Oak St., spoke on Carnival Participation.
4. Meeting Minutes Review from 3-1-16, 5-3-16 – Review was tabled.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Pilgrim pipeline status – Nancy Krause reported that The Coalition Against the Pipeline is doing fund-raising to hire an engineer to gather data on the Pipeline project. Sandra Coira reported on the progress of the Mayor & Council. They passed a resolution to join a coalition of 15 towns, when that goal is reached, that agrees to hire a common lawyer for the process of protecting the towns from Pilgrim Pipeline. Two more municipalities are needed to reach goal of 15 towns.
 - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area - Eagle Scout projects proposal will be submitted.
 - c. Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map – No progress with Scout. Mark Ostapczuk installed tree guards around damaged oak trees.
 - d. Oakland water testing – No report
 - e. Town Carnival – Schedule is being circulated for members to sign up for booth. Public can sign up at booth for Green-living Pledge. Solar energy & climate information will be on hand. Nancy Krause is updating recycling display. ANJEC game will be available.
 - f. Daylighting stream in Great Oak Park – tabled to next meeting.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Oakland Borough Sustainable Jersey certification will expire December 31, 2017. Re-certification application needs to be in by June 2017. Points were discussed.
7. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Town Council Update - Coira reported that the Council has received no feedback on grant denial by Bergen County Freeholders for Bi-County open-space purchase
 - b. Great Oak Park Update – Gina will update website to include facts about invasive species like Gypsy Moths and Emerald Ash Borers which could harm trees this year. The Commission plans to provide advice on safest preventative measures.
 - c. Green Team Update – Members are needed to work on new and existing projects.
 - d. Recycling Update – Current guidelines will be displayed at Carnival booth.
 - e. Open Space Update (Bi-County/Property/Tamarack) – News article reported that funds provided by Tennessee Gas for open-space purchases or park improvements are still unallocated. County officials could be contacted about Oakland concerns. Sandra Coira will speak to Councilman Biale about needs in Oakland's parks.
 - f. Communications – website - Crossroads will be coming out mid-June, just before the carnival. Peter will include an article about participants. Gina requested photos of Town Carnival be forwarded to her for the website.

8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a.* Current Projects – Nancy Krause has sent the response on the McBride Family property near Long Hill Rd to the DEP, expressing the Commission's concern about construction in a wetlands area. She also informed the Planning Board. She will send the letter to the Borough Administrator and Mayor & Council as well.

9. Budget Status – FLOW Film Fest charges of \$132 will be reimbursed out of this budget.

10. Closed Meeting at 8:35 PM. Next meeting July 5th, 7:30pm. Minutes submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller.