

## **Oakland Environmental Commission**

### **July 9, 2013**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM Members present were Nancy Krause, Lee Haymon, Mike Lynch, and Gina Mayer-Costa. Minutes Review from 6/4/2013 was tabled due to low attendance. Mike Lynch announced that he is moving to Boston and will be resigning the Commission. He will submit a letter to the Mayor& Council.
2. Meeting was opened to the public –
  - a. Jane Graham of the Oakland Farmers' Market spoke about the possibility of holding a community Green Fair at the Farmer's Market this year. Nancy Krause suggested that planning for a 2014 Fair could start. Commissions in Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff are also interested in holding combined Green Fairs locally. Nancy has been in touch with the respective chairwomen.
  - b. Simon Burgess of 72 Oneida Ave asked for contact points for the Borough to offer information on installing solar panels on public roofs. He is interested in the Borough solar ordinance recently endorsed by the Planning Board and approved by the Mayor& Council.
3. Old Business
  - a. Stewart's Woods Update
    - i. Curb side Oak Trees – status- not yet ordered. Trees can be planted in the fall.
    - ii. Eagle Scout project progress report – Nancy will introduce Matthew Richards to Mayor& Council at the July 10 Council meeting to request permission to complete a nature trail through the Stewart's Woods
  - b. NRI
    - i. Chapters 1-4 – can be found at [http://kratzerenv.com/Oakland\\_NRI\\_Draft\\_June\\_2013\\_Sections\\_1-4.PDF](http://kratzerenv.com/Oakland_NRI_Draft_June_2013_Sections_1-4.PDF) or DropBox. Members offered to review the draft. Lee will be reviewing sections 3 & 4- Geography & soils. Nancy will review section 2 -. Section 1 is an introduction
    - ii. Sub-committee progress- Alex Meyers and colleague Jack are creating charts and GIS maps of Stewart's Woods. They have verified various species of oak and maple trees. Vanderbeck Tree Service has offered to remove invasive Norwegian Maples.
  - c. Town Carnival June 26-29, 2013
    - i. Brainstorm themes for next year – A copy of the Borough water quality should be available in the booth. GOP/ Stewart Woods and NRI maps should be available.
  - d. Great Oak Park Committee – Lee Haymon was elected Vice Chairman of the Committee. He advised members to have constraint maps made which include the new flood-plain and wetlands maps. Rebecca of Boswell Engineering was present at their meeting. A further concern is destruction of wildlife habitat when brush is cleared.
  - e. ANJEC Land Preservation Road Show – Possible joint EC effort with Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Environmental Commissions. Nancy and Gina would help with an ANJEC Land Preservation Road Show. The ANJEC Conference is scheduled for Saturday 10/19/13.
4. New Business
  - a. emails regarding radon/ chlorine
  - b. Two resumes have been submitted by potential new Commission members.
5. Committee Updates
  - a. Green Team Update - Recycling Update - Open Space Update – No reports

6. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update
    - a. Current Projects – The Highlands ERI under construction for the NJ Highlands Council and the Planning Board has submitted an updated version which needs to be
    - b. Meeting Schedule – as reported
  7. Budget Status – No change
  8. Close Meeting The meeting was adjourned at 8:50. Next meeting is August 6, 7:30pm (Nancy Krause will be on vacation)).
- Minutes were submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller