

Oakland Environmental Commission

August 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mark Ostapczuk at 7:35 PM. Further members present were Lee Haymon, Michael Kozak and Gina Mayer-Costa. Council liaison Betsy Stagg was present.

1. Meeting Minutes from 6/4/2013 and 7/9/2013 were reviewed and approved with amendments.

2. Old Business

a. **Stewart's Woods Update**

i. Eagle Scout project progress report – approved by borough council on July 10. Michael Kozak will be in contact with the Scout regarding the project. Purchases are being approved.

b. **NRI**

i. **chapters 1-4** – can be found at

http://kratzerenv.com/Oakland_NRI_Draft_June_2013_Sections_1-4.PDF or DropBox

Comments are being sent to Debbie Kratzer. Lee Haymon has further questions. He proposed that a meeting be scheduled with her for further discussion on several points in the report.

ii. **Sub committee progress** - Alex Meyers was not present.

c. **Great Oak Park Committee** – Lee announced next meeting for the committee is 8/7/13. Lee recommended that habitats for endangered species be evaluated for further work. He is also advising that a permit matrix be created to establish what permits would be needed for any changes to the sites and who would be responsible. Michael Kozak asked if the committee would be open to discuss possible Eagle Scout projects with the public. A plan was discussed for possible public participation including an Eagle Scout project.

d. **Tamarack Bike Trail Progress** – Darren Ward not present for an update.

3. New Business

a. **ANJEC Land Preservation Road Show** – Gina Mayer-Costa is in contact with ANJEC and the Wyckoff and Franklin Lakes Environmental Commissions for cooperation.

i. October 21 & 22 are dates being considered by ANJEC. Gina is awaiting a response.

ii. Location/time – Gina is working out the details among the 3 towns. They will create a flyer and advertise once the details are set.

iii. Topics – Open-space Stewardship and Walkable/Bikeable Communities are the preferred topics. Towns can share topics being offered.

b. **Cranford leaf-blower free days** – Gina reported on Cranford's 'Rake for the Planet' Day.

4. Committee Updates

a. Green Team Update - on hold

b. Recycling Update – Michael Kozak reported figures from the recycling coordinator. Percentage recycling to trash fluctuates between 31% - 35% year-to-year. Schools need to be motivated to increase recycling by maintenance staff. Recycling pails should contain broader descriptions of use. Proper pails need to be available in public areas for compliance.

c. Open Space Update – Betsy Stagg explained the up-coming Open-Space referendum. Current funds are already needed for the Heritage Hills purchase continuing payment.

5. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

a. Current Projects – Highlands Conformance decision- N.R.I projects: coordinate Highlands NRI report and Environmental Resource Inventory for master plan. Sewerage of downtown.

6. **Budget Status** – \$255 are still available in Miscellaneous Funds.

7. Close Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM. Next meeting is Tuesday 9/3/2013. Minutes submitted by Jerri Angermueller – secretary