

# Oakland Environmental Commission

August 7, 2018

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Erich Kamm, Alex Myers and Carol Peterson were present. Pat Pignatelli attended as Council Liaison.
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. **New Business**
  - a. Carol Peterson reported that a resident is offering to do programs on milkweed and Monarch butterflies. She would donate plants for Great Oak Park when the Great Lawn is completed. Commissioners approved of the plan.
4. **Open to public** – No public attended.
5. **Meeting Minutes** Review from 3/2018, 5/2018, 7/3/18
6. **Old Business**
  - a. Potash Lake Recreation Area – sign - Nancy Krause will write to the Mayor & Council to decide on a name to put on the sign. The lake is officially known as Schuyler Lake according to town records. Alex Myers contacted Orange & Rockland Electric to find out who owns the transformers in the lake. They will get back to him with more information about removing the transformers and who holds the final responsibility.
  - b. Water quality report - Lee Haymon was not present for a discussion. Pat Pignatelli said he has asked the Council to send the next report to the Environmental Comm. to provide comments before it goes out to the public. Several uses of 1,4 dioxane in everyday products were listed: fire foam, dishwashing liquid & some makeups.
  - c. Sustainability Practices from IHHS website link – Calli O’Neal is still looking for comments on her website content.
7. **Committee Updates**
  - a. Town Council Update - Pat Pignatelli reported that a Build-out Assessment is being done by Boswell Engineering on the Sandy Beach property to determine a reasonable purchase price. The Councilman will follow up on this in September.
  - b. Great Oak Park Update – Work on the Great Lawn is progressing. Carol Peterson commented on sustainable practices that could be used in restoring the existing paved surface for parking. Permeable asphalt could be used. Clear cutting of trees decreases the ability to absorb storm water. Band shell positioning and necessary facilities should be reviewed. Comments will be written up by a sub-committee of Carol, Erich Kamm and David Blanke, and then presented to the Park Committee.
  - c. Green Team Update - Carol Peterson – 3 Styrofoam Collection Drives have been scheduled by the Bergen Green Team hub for September 22nd in Leonia and September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Glen Rock and Oradell. Carol will post locations on-line and around town. Boy Scouts are doing a marker recycling project. Kevin Mauro is

working on making EB charging stations available in the Borough. David Blanke is working on the community garden plan.

- d.* Recycling Update – A potential \$.05 plastic bag fee charge is being discussed by NJ State officials. The fee could be used for lead remediation. Some local towns are passing legislation to keep control of the issue local. The issue is being discussed by the Commission and the Borough Council. Open Space Update (Bi-County/Tamarack/Sandy Beach) Erich Kamm resumed the discussion of a possible Bi-County property purchase with County support. Pat Pignatelli will research what the latest offers on the property have been.
- e.* Communications – website/crossroads – Gina Mayer-Costa has posted the summer newsletter on the Borough website. The butterfly garden, chickens, and plastic bags are covered topics. Carol Peterson wants to alert residents to the threat of invasive insects potentially reaching Bergen County. These include Long-horn ticks, and the Spotted Lantern Fly.

## **8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update**

- a.* Current Projects – Plans given to the Commission for comment were given to Alex Myers and Erich Kamm.

## **9. Budget Status** – Requests for registration to the ANJEC Congress need to be submitted to the secretary.

## **10.** Closed meeting at 9 PM. Next meeting will be September 4, 7:30PM. Minutes submitted by secretary Jerri Angermueller.