

## **Oakland Environmental Commission**

### **September 4, 2018**

- 1.** Meeting called to order at 7:37 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Lee Haymon, Erich Kamm, and David Blanke were present. Callie O'Neal was present as Junior Member and Pat Pignatelli attended as Council Liaison. Absent members 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 – No public attended.
- 4. Meeting Minutes Review** - 7-3-18 minutes were approved. 8-7-18 minutes were tabled.
- 5. Old Business**
  - a.* Potash Lake Recreation Area sign - Nancy Krause said she contacted the Mayor & Council by letter to look into the naming of the lake. The Council is referring the matter to the Tax Assessor for review.
  - b.* Water quality report - Lee Haymon is requesting that clearer explanations be made available to the public from the Borough water authorities. Councilman Pignatelli suggested that Commission members attend meetings with Borough officials to have more input on the reports. Public education is needed.
  - c.* Sustainability Practices from IHHS website link – Calli O'Neal reported that she is planning to visit grade school classes to present her sustainability curriculum. She is updating her website as it continues to evolve. David Blanke suggested that water quality be included in the content.
- 6. New Business**
  - a.* A Community Garden project was suggested by David Blanke. Suggestions for a site are needed from organizations in town. Several public sites were mentioned. Grants for such gardens are available. 10 Sustainable Jersey points could be earned.
- 7. Committee Updates**
  - a.* Town Council Update - Pat Pignatelli reported that Boswell Engineering has applied to the NJDEP for wetlands delineation of the Sandy Beach area.
  - b.* Great Oak Park Update - Lee Haymon said that no meeting has been held lately. A Letter of Determination by the DEP is expected. Constraint mapping is needed. A gravel parking lot is planned to replace the current asphalt surface which has been deteriorating over time. David Blanke expressed that there are several issues to be addressed before the Park Committee should be allowed to hold events on site. Waste disposal, crowd control and parking need to be considered. Lee Haymon agreed to a site visit with Erich Kamm, Carol Peterson and David Blanke. A Stream clean-up is being planned for September.

- c.* Green Team Update – Nancy Krause reported that Bronze status filing has been accomplished. Plans for reaching Silver status are in the works. The Styrofoam recycling event is scheduled in Glen Rock for Saturday, September 23rd.
- d.* Recycling Update–Carol Peterson found through research that waxed liquid boxes are being accepted with recycling pick-up. The boxes should not be closed and not crushed. The recycling flyer will be updated. The possibility of a composting center is being discussed.
- e.* Open Space Update (Bi-County/Sandy Beach) Pat Pignatelli reported that studies on the Sandy Beach property are still being conducted.
- f.* Communications – website/crossroads - Gina Mayer-Costa Articles for Crossroads must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. Topics need to be offered for articles.

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

- a.* Current Projects Lee Haymon – An ordinance concerning bill boards in the Borough is being updated. An application for an electronic highway billboard to face Rt. 287 from 50 Edison Ave. is currently being discussed. Comments on potential environmental concerns are welcomed at this time.

## **9. Budget Status** – 2 registrations for the ANJEC Congress are being provided.

## **10.** Closed Meeting at 9 PM. Next meeting October 2, 7:30PM. Minutes submitted by Jerri Angermueller, secretary.