

Oakland Environmental Commission Meeting

October 1, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Carol Peterson at 7:30 PM.
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. **Roll call** – Carol Peterson Alex Myers, Erich Kamm, Nancy Krause and Jeffrey Smyrychynski were present. Ali Fleeson arrived later. David Blanke and Lee Haymon were excused. Calli O’Neill was not excused.
4. **Open to Public** – Gary and Karen of Oakland spoke of their interest in environmental issues in Oakland.
5. **Meeting minutes review** – August 2019 minutes were approved. June and July minutes were tabled to November.
6. **Committee Updates**
 - a. **Town Council** – No council members were present
 - b. **Green Team** –
 1. Carol Peterson reported on the “Stop the Soot” anti-idling campaign. More No idling signs are needed at various sites in town. Visits were again made to the schools during pick-up times to remind the parents waiting for their school children that exhaust fumes are unhealthy for the children and idling for over 3 minutes is against a town ordinance.
 2. EV charging stations are planned for a Borough parking lot.
 - c. **Open space** – no new report
 - d. **Great Oak Park** – No new report
7. **Unfinished business**
 - a. **Plastic Ordinance** – Throughout New Jersey there are more than 70 single use plastic bans. Clean Community grants can be used for recycling, Paramus now bans certain plastic bags and Styrofoam containers. The stores in the mall offer reusable tote bags. A single-use plastic non-use pledge is available to sign in Oakland.
 - b. **Sustainability tip** – Ali Fleeson is preparing to give anti-idling tips at the Council meeting. Two boxes for Styrofoam and plastic film collection will be set up at the Elks Lodge. Englewood a has recyclables transfer station
8. **Planning Board/ Board of Adjustments**
 - a. 2 plans were reviewed and returned.
9. **Budget status** – The 2020 budget request will be due by November.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. Minutes submitted by Jerri Angermueller, secretary.