

Oakland Environmental Commission

November 1, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Members present were Alex Myers, Erich Kamm, Gina Mayer-Costa, Michael Kozak, and Mark Ostapczuk. Members excused were Lee Haymon, Peter Tuohy and Mike Da Silva. Sandra Coira attended.
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 – Recreation Commissioner Mike Guadagnino spoke about the Great Oak Park Committee plans for a band shell and great lawn for public use on former parking lot area of the Park. Residents are offering assistance with milling asphalt surfaces and other work on the site. Many organizations have requested use of the site when completed. Mike said that the Borough DPW plans to do maintenance on the band shell and lawn when in use. Plans for a dog park are also being worked on. The Great Lawn with band shell would cover a 1.85 acres behind Spruce St. buildings. Borough engineers at Boswell were involved with the grant request recently approved to be submitted to Bergen County Open-Space Trust.
4. **Meeting Minutes** Review from 3-1-16, 6-7-16, 7-5-16, 8-2-16, 9-6-16, 10-4-16. Minutes from August, September, and October were amended and approved.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Pilgrim pipeline status – The chairman is following updates as they occur.
 - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area - Eagle Scout projects – Evan Pappas is prepared to go before the Boy Scout Council for its approval of his project.
 - c. Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map - Reilly Beach is ready for discussion with Commission members. He will meet with Lee Haymon and Alex Myers as he prepares to install a kiosk and the nature trail signs along the path.
 - d. Replant Oak tree – Mark Ostapczuk will contact Nancy Krause about replanting her oak tree to the Stewart Woods where a tree has died.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Flow Film Festival – Wyckoff and Franklin Lakes are continuing the Festival in 2017. Jerri Angermueller will be one representative for the Oakland Env. Comm.
 - b. Employee hand book – The handbook was distributed to commissioners, and receipts for them were signed by 5 commissioners. 4 receipts are still needed.
7. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Town Council Update – The Council has introduced an updated solar panel ordinance to keep the regulations current with State guidelines. Pilgrim Pipeline has not yet submitted its application to NJ.
 - b. Great Oak Park Update – Chairwoman Krause will contact the Borough engineer or administrator to find more detailed plans for the Great Oak Park bandshell and great lawn as is planned by the Committee. Boswell Engineering is working on the plans.
 - c. Green Team Update - Oakland Boro certification will expire December 31, 2017. Nancy Krause is scheduled to meet with Borough officials and discuss their support for the Green Team. The Environmental Commission will provide support for Sustainable Jersey efforts. Nancy Krause will enter the Drug Drop-off report for SJ points. A water conservation ordinance is needed. Thomas Russo has been appointed to the Green Team. He will involve Oakland's commercial community.

- d.* Recycling Update – No update.
- e.* Open Space Update (Bi-County/Tamarack) – A grant has been applied for from NJ Highlands for purchase funds for the Bi-County open-space bordering Wayne, NJ
- f.* Communications – website/crossroads – The new Borough website is scheduled to go live soon.

8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a.* Current Projects – The application for the replacement of a Burger King with a Wawa with a gas station has been withdrawn from the Planning Board and moved to the Board of Adjustments due to actions by local businesses opposed to the plans. Smith Estates at the top of Ryerson Avenue is being discussed.

9. Budget Status – The 2017 budget request needs to be submitted to administration.

10. Close Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM. Next meeting December 6, 7:30pm. Minutes submitted by Jerri Angermueller.