

## **Oakland Environmental Commission Agenda**

### **December 6, 2016**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Members present were Lee Haymon, Erich Kamm, Gina Mayer-Costa, Mark Ostapczuk and Alex Myers. Excused members were Michael Kozak, Mike DaSilva and Peter Tuohy. Mr. Tuohy is resigning.
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 – Joe Guadino of Bergen Community College – majoring in sustainability. He voiced an interest in learning about Oakland’s environmental issues.
4. Meeting Minutes Review from 3-1-16, 6-7-16, 7-5-16, 11-1-16. All remaining minutes were amended and approved.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Pilgrim pipeline status – No new information has been received.
  - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area - Eagle Scout projects – The Commission is still waiting for approval of Eagle candidate’s project. The Commission would also support a project to supply a sign at the entrance to the Park, preferably a sign which is similar in style to the Great Oak Park sign and visible from the road.
  - c. Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map – Reilly Beach has added posts for nature walk stops and installed the framework of the kiosk. Alex Myers is working on the trail guide and planning for a spring-time completion.
  - d. Replant Oak tree – DPW is removing the dead oak tree to be replaced with Nancy Krause’s tree donated from her yard.
6. **New Business**
  - a. Gina has been questioning use of Styrofoam plates at all Borough schools. She would like the Commission to support biodegradable or recyclable materials. She contacted the school food vendor, Pomptonian. They said they would consider the alternatives.
7. **Committee Updates**
  - a. Town Council Update – Mark Ostapczuk was presented with a certificate of service from the Commission. He will be receiving presentations at the next Mayor& Council meeting for all the Borough groups he has participated in.
  - b. Great Oak Park Update – Lee Haymon is attending Park Committee meetings and will speak to them about the source of their entrance sign. Also he will ask them about the availability of the engineering plans to be reviewed.
  - c. Green Team Update - Oakland Boro certification will expire December 31, 2017. Nancy will be a member of the Green Team, led by Thomas Russo of Remax. Borough officials will be supporting the Green Team’s effort to maintain its certification. Nancy Krause will work with the Oakland Police to write up the

report on the prescription drug drop-off program at police headquarters and will submit it to Sustainable NJ.

- d.* Recycling Update – No new information
- e.* Open Space Update (Bi-County Property) Erich Kamm is attending the Bergen County Open-Space Trust Fund meetings, and will keep the Commission informed on the progress of grants and possible purchase.
- f.* Communications – website/crossroads – A Borough presentation on cyber-security was attended by Gina Mayer-Costa and Jerri Angermueller. This was provided in conjunction with the activation of the new Borough website. The Commission will be able to post information on-line. Cross Roads newsletter and recycling flyers will be available to residents on-line.

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

- a.* Current Projects – The application for a Wawa with gas service center has been carried to the January Board of Adjustments meeting.
- b.* The update to the solar ordinance has been approved.

**9. Budget Status** – The 2017 budget proposal has been submitted to the administration.

**10. Close Meeting** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. Next meeting is January 17th, 2017 at 7:30pm. Minutes submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller.