

Oakland Environmental Commission

March 1, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Members present were Lee Haymon, Mark Ostapczuk, and Peter Tuohy, Excused were Gina Mayer-Costa, Erich Kamm, Mike DaSilva, Michael Kozak and Alex Myers. Councilman Eric Kulmala 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 – No speaker
4. Meeting Minutes Review from 2-2-26 – Minutes were approved with amendments.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Pilgrim pipeline status – Councilman Kulmala reported that he and Councilman Biale attended a meeting in Chatham, NJ concerning the Pilgrim Pipeline plans. It gives all towns involved a chance to share their views and discuss possible responses. The men will continue to attend monthly meetings on the issue.
 - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area - Eagle Scout project proposal – Nancy Krause met with an Eagle candidate to discuss a potential project for path renewal. The DPW will be approached to see if they will be able to salvage bench and place trail posts
 - c. Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map – No current progress.
 - d. Open space stewardship grant – No report.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Great Clean-up of Oakland's Parks – The OEC and the Park Committee will be running a town park clean-up together on Saturday April 23rd starting at 9AM. The Great Oak Park Committee will lead a clean-up of their park. The OEC will have volunteers meet at the Valley Middle School to prepare for clean-up of 4 town parks including Stewart Woods, Truman soccer field, the Recreation fields and Wells Field. Sign-up can be made at www.MyGreenOakland.org.
 - b. FLOW Green Film Festival – Films are planned at the Wyckoff Library for April 10, & 17 Sundays at 2 PM, and Thursday 4/28 at 7PM. Wednesday, April 20th a film will be shown at Ramapo High School in Franklin Lakes at 7 PM.
 - c. Town Carnival Green Parking – The Commission discussed monitoring parking for multi-occupant vehicles only at certain lots. This was found to be unfeasible.
7. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Town Council Update – Councilman mentioned Budget and Water Quality letter.
 - b. Great Oak Park Update – Lee and Nancy attended the clean-up planning meeting.
 - c. Green Team Update – Mayor Schwager is requesting volunteers for a Mayor's Wellness Campaign, as she had held for Sustainable Jersey in past years.
 - d. Recycling Update – Recycling Coordinator Eugene Mac Mahon provided reports he generated for the Borough summarizing moneys received over 5 years for recyclables collected in Oakland. Income has been decreasing and some programs are starting to cost money. Clean Community grants from the State are continuing.
 - e. Open Space Update (Bi-County/Property/Tamarack) – No report.
 - f. Communications – website/CrossRoads – Peter Tuohy is working on an article for April. Gina entered the sign-up for the Park Clean-up on the website.
8. **Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update**
 - a. Current Projects – 2 minor site plans have been discussed.
9. **Budget Status** – Budget is being discussed by Mayor& Council.
10. Close Meeting at 8:10PM (next meeting April 5, 7:30pm) Jerri Angermueller submitted.