

Oakland Environmental Commission

June 6, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair Nancy Krause. Lee Haymon, Erich Kamm, Kevin Mauro, and Alex Myers were present. Sandra Coira attended as Council Liaison. Michael Kozak, Joshua Lurie and Mike DaSilva 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 from 4-4-17, 5-2-17. April minutes were tabled. May minutes were amended and approved.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Pilgrim pipeline status – No new information
 - b. Potash Lake Recreation Area – Evan’s Eagle Scout project is complete. Photos of benches and trail work are available. The Councilwoman will invite residents to visit the restored path at the next Council meeting. Signage is needed for the area.
 - c. Stewart Woods Eagle Scout Project/ Nature guide/map – Riley Beach is prepared to complete the kiosk -along RVR. The Commission needs to complete the pamphlets which will be available in the kiosk.
 - d. Resolution of Support for Green Acres PILOT Funding for New Jersey –Joshua Lurie forwarded a letter that Nancy Krause will review, then e-mail to all Commissioners for their comments. <http://www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/pilot.html>
 - e. Restore Native Plants – Natural resource management in the Ramapo Mountain State forest. No new information received.
 - f. Town Carnival – June 14-17 – EC/Green Team table will be available. Energy education will be offered as a topic that is supported by Sustainable Jersey. Alex Myers will bring Clean Communities hand-outs from Bergen County program. Commission members are invited to man table June 14th – 17th from 6PM on.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Water quality report was discussed.
7. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Town Council Update- Councilwoman Coira discussed the PILOT Program. She also noted that the Borough Unregulated Pipeline ordinance is being updated by Mayor& Council per advice of the coalition of North Jersey towns working together to protect itself from oil spills.
 - i. Bi-County property acquisition is still being discussed by the Council.
 - ii. Progress is being made on downtown sewerage. Coira explained that the Borough needs to rescind its Highlands-conforming status in order to provide sewage treatment to the downtown area via an interbasin connection to Franklin Lakes. The Borough is discussing this with the NJ DEP.
 - b. Great Oak Park Update – A public hearing is required for purchase of a Bandstand to be installed in Great Oak Park on a Great Lawn. The Band shell would be purchased with a grant from Bergen County for open-space improvement.

- c.* Green Team Update - Oakland certification needs to be renewed by 12/31/17. reports necessary for recertification have been submitted for a total of 320 points. Sustainable Jersey will respond with the number of points actually earned. Borough has until the first week of November to complete actions. Kevin Mauro attended presentation of an SJ grant for bike stands in Oakland.
- d.* Recycling Update – Bergen County Clean Communities awards were presented.
- e.* Open Space Update (Bi-County Property/Tamarack) Bi-County property acquisition is still being discussed.
- f.* Communications – website/crossroads – The webpage continues to be updated

8. Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Update

- a.* Current Projects – RBARI is planning to renew its facility. The application will be distributed for comment.
- b.* Wawa application – These plans are now before the Board of Adjustment. Copies will be obtained for Commission comment.

9. Budget Status – Commission hand-outs were purchased for Team-up to Clean-up.

10. Close Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. Next meeting is July 11th at 7:30pm. Minutes submitted by Secretary Jerri Angermueller.