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BOROUGH OF OAKLAND

Environmental Commission Meeting FINAL AGENDA

Borough of Oakland One Municipal Plaza Oakland, N.J. 07436

August 1, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS:

Lee Haymon, Chair
Erich Kamm, Vice Chair
William Eilert
Matthew Shook
Jerri Angermueller
Tony Bertuna
Alison McCann
Pat Pignatelli, Councilman
Michael Carelli. Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

- Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:
 - o This Meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, duly announced, advertised, and posted in the Oakland Municipal Building. The meeting will adjourn at 10:00 p.m. unless a majority of the Commissioners that are present vote to extend the time.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Borough Council Councilman Pat Pignatelli
- Open Space Councilman Pat Pignatelli
- Sustainable Oakland Green Team Michael Carelli
- Great Oak Park Lee Haymon
- Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment Lee Haymon

OLD BUSINESS

- Borough Cleanup Date for Fall 2023
- Open Space Levy Ordinance Letter
- Spotted Lanternfly

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

General Public

Open public comment for members of the public not to exceed 3 minutes per person. Session not to exceed 30 minutes.

ADIOURNMENT

The next Environmental Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 5, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Borough of Oakland, One Municipal Plaza, Oakland, N.J. 07436

BOROUGH OF OAKLAND Environmental Commission REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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<u>July 11, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.</u>

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Environmental Commission opened on Tuesday July 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436.

ROLL CALL: Present:

Chairman Lee Haymon, Vice Chairman Erich Kamm,

Jerri Angermueller, Matthew Shook, Borough Secretary Michael Carelli.

Absent:

Tony Bertuna, Alison McCann, William Eilert, Councilman

Pignatelli.

On motion of William Eilert, seconded by Lee Haymon, Alison McCann and Tony Bertuna be excused.

ALL IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 7, 2023

On motion of Tony Bertuna, seconded by Bill Eilert, the above listed minutes be approved as modified and discussed.

ALL IN FAVOR.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Lee Haymon opened for public comment.

No public present.

Chairman Lee Haymon closed the public session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Borough Council: Michael Carelli informed the Commission on the status of the Open Space Trust Fund local tax, which expires at the end of 2023. The open space referendum proposal is to include recreation and historic preservation components. The Commission discussed their opinions regarding the change. Erich Kamm will write up a letter to present to the Borough Council at an upcoming meeting. Michael Carelli updated the Commission on the status of the PFAS

On motion of Erich Kamm, seconded by Matthew Shook, a letter be drafted by the Commission to present to the Borough Council.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Open Space: No updates as discussed above.

Great Oak Park: The Great Oak Park Arts Pavilion is currently being installed. A kickoff concert has been scheduled for this Fall.

Green Team: The Green Team's next Styrofoam Drive is July 15, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

Planning Board/Board of Adjustment: The Planning Board is reviewing ordinances and have been recommended to the Borough Council for adoption. Kevin Heffernan will be presenting at the next Borough Council Meeting. The final site plan is pending a hearing at the Planning Board in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our Pollinator Garden grant application was denied. A model garden idea was discussed about. Lee Haymon said he would talk to a resident about this. The Commission discussed a "Friends" group to raise money for the Commission and its projects.

The Commission selected October 14, 2023 as the Borough Cleanup Date. Michael Carelli will not announce until the next meeting.

Chairman Lee Haymon presented the survey results from the Carnival.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was suggested to add signage to direct residents to the Dogwood Hill Elementary School. The trails need to be cleared. It was suggested to remove the Norway Maples and make it an entrance to the park, and add new plantings. The map in the kiosk is outdated. Mr. Shook suggested reaching out to the Shade Tree Commission about the Norway Maples in the front of the property, and adding new plantings and making it an inviting entrance to the park. Chairman Haymon suggested a site visit with the Green Team and Shade Tree Commission.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Lee Haymon opened for public comment.

No members of the public present.

Chairman Lee Haymon closed the public session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Lee Haymon set forth the motion, seconded by Matthew Shook, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Carelli Borough Secretary

The next Environmental Commission Meeting is scheduled for: August 1, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall, One Municipal Plaza, Oakland, N.J. 07436