



Environmental Commission Minutes

April 7, 2016

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Robert Maggio, Robert Meier, Pat MacDonnell, and Mike Mariani

Guests: Yvonne Humphries, Carol Robertson, Mary Mahon, Maureen Cook, Ed McGuirk, and Barbara McGuirk,

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of
 - a. Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2016
Motion by: Robert Maggio, Second by: Mike Mariani

- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – January and February 2016 reports
 - a. Bergen Record Article March 19, 2016 – 1,4-Dioxane. – Rayna provided Eric Maurer 1,4-Dioxane summary including the EPA Fact Sheet on 1,4-Dioxane. Summary document was discussed at the meeting.

- III. 24th Annual Cel-Earth-Bration Saturday April 9, 2016 – Hawthorne High School
 - a. Theme “Green Living”
 - b. Teachers Representing the 5 schools – Rosanne will be requests - Complete
 - c. Discussion – A Learning Experience Interactive Stations – “Learning Centers”
 - a. Bird teaching – Barbara McGuirk; Mary Mahon will put together a craft project on the topic of birds for the kids (coloring books; hummingbird nest, etc.); Bob was successful in getting 100 coloring books from NJDEP to give out at Cel-Earth-Bration; After discussion with the Commissioners and Green Team members, the bird teaching will be moved to the Cafeteria, not classroom; Rosanne will bring carpets for the kids to seat on. Also, Rosanne will bring magnets for the craft project. Rayna will bring chalk/white board easel for Time Schedule of bird teaching program.
 - b. Kids to Kids Program – Scott Chrimel – Food Web, Water, Recycling, Anti-Idling – Unable to conduct the program; next year 2017
 - d. Recycling Contest – “Giving Living”
 - a. Registration List
 - b. Prizes – Local and surrounding businesses
 - c. 2016 Business List
 - d. Judges – TBD
 - e. Winners – Display at the Hawthorne Library – Approved; Mary Mahon will put together the display of the Green Projects. Projects will be brought to the library by a member; Rayna will prepare the Press Release for the Press/Gazette announcing the winners and 1st place winners will be displayed at the Library.
 - f. Vendors/Entertainment
 - a. Facepainting/Tattoos/Sponges – Needs (2) round tables
 - b. Craft Workshop – Mary Mahon - Needs (2) tables
 - c. Hawthorne Shadetree Commission – Confirmed; Needs (1) table
 - d. Monarch Butterfly Demonstration Table – Ed McGuirk; Needs (2) tables
 - e. Flo’s Market - Confirmed
 - f. Dirt Cake – Scott Chrimel - Confirmed

- g. Lincoln Middle School – Games – Two (2) new teachers are interested in participating at Cel-Earth-Bratton; Raffles – plants - Confirmed
- h. Hawthorne Environmental Commission - Confirmed; Needs (2) tables
- i. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Confirmed; Needs (2) tables
- j. Vendor Table Signs – Rayna will make them
- g. Schedule of Events - Need two Posters – Yvonne will create the schedule of events
 - a. Rizzo Reptile – 11:00 am and 12:15pm
 - b. Mad Science - 10:30 am
 - c. Award Ceremony – 1:45 pm
 - d. Yvonne will create a Face painting and Tattoos Poster
- h. Publicity/Press Release/Ads
 - a. Ad – Environmental Commission – Hawthorne Press Run week of 4/4/2016
 - b. Ad – Shadetree Commission – Hawthorne Press Run week of 3/24/2016
 - c. Channel 77 – Rayna sent documents to the Borough
 - d. Nextel Alerts - Rayna sent documents to the Borough
 - e. Hawthorne Press/Gazette – Rayna sent the press release to be published the week of 3/31/2016
 - f. Borough Website - Rayna sent documents to the Borough
 - g. Facebook pages - Rayna sent Hazel Pinos the information
 - h. Signs – Doubled sided wording; Mike is working with Marc Moleno; Decision made to - Re-Using old Cel-Earth-Bratton signs from last year; Maureen will handle the sign permit. Mike will work with Maureen on distributing the signs throughout Hawthorne.
 - i. Fliers for local businesses- Maureen will print out the fliers at Borough Hall and members will distribute throughout Hawthorne. Rayna will send the flier to Maureen.
- i. Cel-Earth-Bratton Budget Items
 - a. Tattoos/Facepainting/Giveaways (prizes) Rosanne Zagatta Budget \$350; **Ordered Spent \$290.76**
 - b. T-Shirts – Maureen
 - c. Pizza – Maureen
 - d. Ad – Hawthorne Press
 - e. Vendors – Rizzo Reptiles & Mad Science
- j. Photographer – Mike Mariani
- k. Special Invitations – Rosanne will communicate to BOE, Mayor, and Council members; Invites are Sent
- l. Thank You Poster – Need to Make a Poster - Mike Mariani Rayna will send information for poster to Mike by Friday April 1, 2016
- m. Materials for Prizes/Event – Paper Clips, Binder clips, crayons, markers, magnets, envelopes, elmer glue, index cards, scotch tape, Karaoke machine for Cafeteria, Bob Maggio – extension cords, elastic rubber bands, hole punch- Request items from team members to bring to Cel-Earth-Bratton
- n. Sound System – Auditorium – Rosanne will ensure that the system will be put on for the Award Ceremony at 1:45pm. Rosanne will contact the Principal.
- o. Green Table clothes – Rosanne will bring the 12 Green Purchased table clothes for the vendors.

IV. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting

- a. **Community Garden – 3rd Grand Opening Date – Date Saturday June 4, 2016 at 10:00 am**
- b. **Green Lecture**– May 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Native Plants” – Pre-planting, soil preparation, and vegetable gardening; Barbara McGuirk prepared the press release; Approved by Rayna; Rayna will distribute to the Press, Gazette, Borough’s website, and Facebook pages (Hawthorne

Environmental Commission/Green Team, NJ Hawthorne Community Garden, and Hawthorne Families Community Board); Week of April 18 and 25, 2016 will run in the Hawthorne Press and Gazette.

- c. **Green Lecture** –April/May 2016 – Gardening Basics – Need to discuss with Jack Systma; this will be moved to June. Pat will contact City Green for a person to conduct a lecture.
- d. Green Lecture – June 2016 - Pollinator Plants – will be discussed at the 3rd Grand Opening by Carol Robertson
- e. **Next Green Team Meeting April 25, 2016 Cancelled; Will meet on May 23, 2016**

V. ANJEC – Another opportunity to get funds for the enhancement of the Borough of Hawthorne Native Plants on Borough property; Expansion of the Rain Garden and Butterfly Garden at the Library

- a. 2016 ANJEC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION GRANTS FOR OPEN SPACE STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS – Grant funds up to \$1,500. Deadline April 1, 2016 – Submitted on Thursday March 31, 2016
- b. Winner will be announced on or before May 6, 2016
- c. April 10, 2016 - Rayna prepared a Resolution for Council to approve the Commission to submit an Open Space grant for the Native Plant project.

VI. Sustainable Jersey

- a. Re-Certification – Borough of Hawthorne certification expires December 31, 2016; Initial Deadline for Re-Certification – June 5, 2016; All actions must be completed September 11, 2016 to be recognized at the NJLM conference
- b. Discuss/Update 2015-2016 Action – Assign Action Plan Summary - Rayna met with Yvonne and Carol on Sunday March 6, 2016 to discuss re-certification action plans;
 - 1. Carol prepared the update to the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign Action Plan
 - 2. Yvonne prepared the update to the Environmental Commission Action Plan
 - 3. Rayna prepared the updates for the following:
 - 1. Green Team
 - 2. Energy Education & Outreach
 - 3. Community Education and Outreach
 - 4. “Hold” Green Fair
 - 5. “Green” Green Fair
 - 6. Anti-Idling
 - 7. Green Business Recognition Program
 - 8. Buy Local Programs
 - 9. “Support” Buy Local Programs
 - 10. Community Garden
 - 4. Rosanne will update the Education for Sustainability Action Plan
 - 5. Robert will update the Farmer’s Market and Accessible Farmer’s Market Action Plans
 - 6. Paul Giardino will update the Community Forestry Plan & Tree Cover Goal and Tree Maintenance Program Action Plans
- c. Anti-Idling Tagging Day – Month of May 2016; Maureen will get dates available and communicate to Rayna; Corner of Warburten Avenue and Lafayette Avenue
- d. Sustainable Jersey Grant Program – \$2,000 grant – Native Plant Innovation Project – Award Ceremony April 12, 2016 Cranford Community Center – Mayor Goldberg, Barbara, Ed, and I will attend the ceremony. Rayna prepared an Acceptance Resolution for the Sustainable Jersey Grant to the Borough of Hawthorne.

- VII. Planning Board Report
- VIII. Annual June Environmental Program – Monday June 6, 2016
 - a. Discussion on recognizing Citizens and local Businesses - Please think about “potential nominations of people and a green business” to Recognize at the June Environmental Program. Everyone’s assignment is to bring names to the next meeting on May 12, 2016
- IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps - None

**Environmental Commission Meeting
May 12, 2016 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**