



## **Environmental Commission Minutes January 11, 2018**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta Robert Meier, Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, and Mary Lou DiMattia

Guests: Karen Young, Liana Romano, and Charles Stebbins

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meetings:
  - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – November 9, 2017
  - b. Green Team Minutes – November 27, 2017
  - c. Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – December 14, 2017  
Motion by: Mary Mahon, Second by: Robert Meier
  
- II. Planning Board Report – Mary Lou DiMattia – No Update
  
- III. Zoning Board of Adjustment – Royal Realty Avenue application was moved to the Planning Board – re-submittal of application to the Planning Board in 2018
  
- IV. 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Cel-Earth-Bration – Saturday April 21, 2018 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - a. Theme – Initial Discussion – “Silent Voices”, “Seasons of Hope”, focus on Hawthorne’s Environment – Open Space, “Green Space”, Wildlife, Biodiversity, “Make a Better Hawthorne”, “Make Hawthorne Greener”, Hawthorne’s Green Entrepreneur, 120 year Hawthorne Anniversary,
  - b. Focus on Interactive Educational – Demonstrations “Scavenger Hunt or Treasure Hunt”
    1. Garden Tips
    2. Bird Watch
    3. Green Spaces – 8 Acre Woods – Need to re-print additional maps of the trails; Walking and Bicycle Paths on the Green Map Goffle Brook Park
    4. Stormwater Pollution
    5. Recycling Program
    6. Native Plants
    7. Hawthorne Historical Society
    8. Green Infrastructure
  - c. Prepare and Submit School Application – BOE – Room 120, cafeteria, auditorium, and classrooms; Ensure Sound System is working in Auditorium; Coordinate with HHS Principal
  - d. Request Teachers Representing the 5 schools – Distribute letters
  - e. Green Project Contest
    1. Prizes – Local and surrounding businesses; need donation letter
    2. Create 2018 Business List – See Excel spreadsheet
    3. Judges –
    4. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners Displayed at the Hawthorne Library
  - f. Potential Entertainment/Vendors

1. Rizzo Reptile – Booked – Potential Issue – “Nosey Bill” Senate 2508 (passed Senate 31 to 0; Assembly 66- 2); Pending Bill for Signature of Governor Christie prohibiting animals to travel and participate in circus, fairs, presentations, etc. Governor has until Noon on January 16, 2018 to sign the Bill into Law; Commissioners will monitor the status.
2. Jack Earth Matters – Approved Clean Community Program of New Jersey – Rosanne will inquire about the April date; Maureen Cook provided information on the New Jersey Clean Community Entitlement Program Fact Sheet dated 2011. Under section “Public Education and Information regarding Litter/Graffiti Abatement, including.... States “Support of state public information and education programs including conferences and student programs.” Maureen will follow up with Eric Maurer to confirm if the Commission can utilize the NJ Clean Community Program funds,
3. Bird Watching Walk
4. Hawks/Falcons – Rosanne will follow up with Bill Ponder
5. Beekeeper
6. Environmental Career Panel/Discussion
7. Facepainting/Tattoos/Sponges
8. Craft Workshop
9. Hawthorne Shadetree Commission
10. Gourmet Express
11. Chet Scents
12. Coco Sol – Natural products – body buffs, soaps, etc.
13. Lincoln Middle School – Games – Two (2) new teachers are interested in participating at Cel-Earth-Bratton; Raffles – plants???
14. Hawthorne High School Ecology Club – Dirt Cake Scott Chrimel
15. Make Vendor Table Signs
- a. Trashion Show - Expand to designing bags, hats; jewelry as well as designing clothing

- V. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program for Municipalities - \$200,000 funding available – deadline February 28, 2018 at 11:59 pm
- a. Four (4) \$20,000 awards – Competitive grant; 18 months to complete the project
  - b. Eight (8) \$10,000 awards
  - c. Twenty (20) \$2,000 capacity building awards to support local green teams
    1. Commissioners discussed Hawthorne’s green potential projects for the grant; we decided a Green Infrastructure project – 3 houses that Hawthorne purchased on Passaic Avenue and Wagaraw Road via Blue Acres Program; Partnership with Charles Stebbins – Dewberry and Hawthorne Resident; Downes Trees; Conduct Site visit Sunday January 14, 2018 at 12:00 pm

- VI. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
- a. Green Lectures 2018
    1. Goffle Brook Farms – Native Plants

2. Nutrition – Robin – Confirmed/Booked Tuesday February 20, 2018 – 7:30 to 9:00 pm; set-up at 7:00 pm; Rayna will review Robin’s draft press release of the program; There will be a raffle.
  3. BEAR Program – Hawthorne wildlife – coyotes, deer, & bear – Mary Mahon is following up with Doreen for availability – Booked March 20, 2018 – focus on Coyotes and Deer
  4. Don Torino – Bird Watching Program – Unable to conduct a bird watching tour on Saturdays; Alternative – Cel Earth Bration
  5. Potential Dates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the months – February, March, – Mary Mahon will contact the Library to confirm potential dates; Dates to avoid – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month – Council meeting; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month – Zoning Board meeting; and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month – Planning Board meeting;
- b. Bird Watch – Walking Tour – Saturday May 19, 2018
  - c. **Next Green Team January 29, 2018 Hawthorne Library**

VII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps - None

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
February 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building**