



Environmental Commission Minutes May 10, 2018

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, Mary Lou DiMattia, Robert Meier, and Mike Mariani
Guests: Mike Ptak, Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Liana Romano, and Alex Vetlov

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meetings:
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes April 12, 2018
Motion by: Pat MacDonnell Second by: Rosanne Zagatta
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – March/April 2018 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards.
- III. Planning Board Report – Mary Lou DiMattia – No reports
- IV. Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - a. Wyckoff Zoning Board of Adjustment – CHCC application Hearing Tuesday May 15, 2018 – was moved to Wednesday May 30, 2018 at 7:30 pm Wyckoff Municipal Building – Court Room 2nd floor; Bergen County approval of the Site Plan with a required Traffic Light at the corner of Cedar Hill Road and Sicomac Road
- V. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Community Garden 2018
 1. Mulch delivery Issue DPW work order for delivery week of May 7, 2018 - Completed
 2. Community Garden Clean Up Day – Saturday May 19, 2018 at 10:00 am; Rain Date Sunday May 20, 2018 at 10:00 am – All are welcome to participate.
 3. Cub Scout Pack 30 – Community Garden Workshop at Garden on Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm – Carol, Pat, Liana, and I will participate. Went very well
 - b. Green Lectures 2018 – Hawthorne Library
 1. Goffle Brook Farms – “What’s New on Native Plants” – Tuesday June 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm Mary confirmed with Goffle Brook Farms – Donna – Confirmed; Rayna will prepare the Press Release and send it to the local newspapers.
 2. Nutrition – Robin – Tuesday February 20, 2018 Completed
 3. BEAR Program – Hawthorne wildlife – Deer & bear - March 6, 2018 Completed
 4. Wild Dog Foundation – Coyote Educational Program – Rayna will communicate to Frank on having a Green Lecture on topic. – Discussed that Wild Dog Foundation would be better suited to the Green Fair in September. Need to send Green Fair information to Frank

- c. Bird Walk – Saturday May 12, 2018 -Rae Avenue Mansion – Goffle Brook Park at 8:30 am; Agree -Rain Date Saturday May 19, 2018; It will be the same as the Community Garden Cleanup; Liana prepared Press Release; Press Release sent to Bergen Record, Gazette, Hawthorne Press as well as our Facebook page(s); Nixel Alert (Thursday May 10, 2018) has been issued for the Bird Walk by the town.
 - d. **Next Green Team Monday May 21 2018 at 7:30 pm – Hawthorne Library**
- VI. 26th Annual Cel-Earth-Bratton – Saturday April 21, 2018 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- a. Theme – **“Discover Hawthorne’s Natural Beauty”**
 - b. Publicity
 - 1.2018 Green Project Winners – Hawthorne Press & Gazette - Complete
 - 2.Thank You Sign – Facebook, Borough’s Website, and Channel 77
 - 3.Thank You Ad – Hawthorne Press
 - 4.Thank You note cards
 - c. Shredding Day Numbers – Request from Maureen Cook
 - d. Photographer – Request pictures to develop power point presentation for the Annual June Environmental Meeting - Mike Ptak to provide pictures to Rayna via CD
- VII. Annual June Environmental Commission Meeting – Monday June 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne High School
- 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.
 - 1.Alev Vetlov – Native Plant Project & Cel Earth Bratton
 - 2.Donna Dorsey – Goffle Brook Farms - Rayna will communicate to Donna
 - 3.Dominic Rizzo – Rizzo’s Wildlife World – Rosanne will communicate to Dominic
 - 4. Green Business – “B Witching Bath Co.” – Mary Lou will communicate to Barbara, owner,
 - b. School Application for Use of the HHS to BOE – Completed by Rosanne
 - c. Letters to Teachers – sent to all teachers ; Kayse Daniels is our school liason
 - d. Special Invitations – Mayor, Council, and BOE – Rosanne will prepare and distribute
 - e. Cell-Earth-Bratton Powerpoint Presentation – Rayna
 - f. Picture Frames for the Certificates – Citizens and Green Business awardee
 - g. Certification – Signature of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Mayor; Rayna will provide blank certifications for the Mayor to sign. We have enough signed certificates from last year. We are good.
 - h. Publicity – Press Releases – Rayna will send it to the Bergen Record and Hawthorne Press; Hazel will post on our Facebook pages
- VIII. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program for Municipalities - \$200,000 funding available – deadline February 28, 2018 at 11:59 pm; \$20,000 grant for the “Gateway to the Passaic River project” Submitted February 26, 2018 – Will be notified in May 2018; Hawthorne was awarded our \$20,000 grant on May 8, 2018; Council meeting on Wednesday May 16, 2018 – Rayna will present to Council “Gateway to the Passaic River.” – All are welcome to participate

- IX. 2018 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grants for Environmental Commissions Supported by the Sandy Batty Grant Fund Deadline Friday April 13, 2018 at 4:30 pm; Submitted Sunday April 8, 2018
 - a. “Gateway to the Passaic River” grant application – purchase of nesting boxes, trail sign, tree tags, and trail map created - \$1,500 –
 - b. Successful grantees will be notified by May 11, 2018

- X. Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Internship – Hawthorne High School Students - Michael Ptak and Josh Kobuskie
 - a. Brochure/Flyer – Who we are, What we do, and Volunteer Request Environmental Commission and Green Team members – Discussed brochure; Mike will make minor edits; complete and submit at the Green Team meeting on Monday May 21, 2018

- XI. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
 - a. Hawthorne Environmental Commission Budget – 2018 Approved by Council May 2018; 2018 budget included money for the Native Plant project for the front of the municipal
 - b. Discussed alternative native plants to replace the red germaniums front of the municipal building; red/white flowers; Concern about the “timely of the blooming of the flowers.” Agreed to leave it as is
 - c. Hawthorne Community Garden – Parking issue due to the DPW garage construction project; DPW will work on moving some of their vehicles to free up the parking spaces for the community garden and the 9/11 memorial

**Environmental Commission Meeting
June 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne High School**