



## Environmental Commission Minutes June 11, 2018

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

Guests: Lisa DeVos, Holley Cowen, Liana Romano, Maureen Cook, and Patty Elwood

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meetings:
  - a. Environmental Commission Minutes May 10, 2018  
Motion by: Rob Meier Second by: Pat MacDonnell
- II. Planning Board Report – Mary Lou DiMattia
  - a. Royal Realty Hearing Tuesday June 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm – Updating; Commission’s comment letter dated October 24,2017 to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; 29 Units; 58 parking spaces; Commission’s concerns: Steep Slopes, Stormwater – Seepage Pits – maintenance, parking garage ventilation -fumes, and native plant
- III. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor; Bergen County approval of the Site Plan with a required Traffic Light at the corner of Cedar Hill Road and Sicomac Road; Next Meeting: Tuesday June 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm – Traffic Testimony continues
  - b. Hawthorne Zoning Board of Adjustment – CHCC application Hearing Monday June 18, 2018 at 6:45 pm
- IV. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
  - a. Community Garden 2018 - Schedule the Harvest Celebration – October 2018 – Booked October 20, 2018 Ambulance Building Corp at 4:00 pm
  - b. Community Garden – Requested another City Green Sign for Garden (previously fall apart) – Thank You Pat MacDonnell for picking up the sign from City Green and posting at the Garden!
  - c. 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; Press Release sent to the local newspapers and posted on Facebook pages
  - d. Bird Walk – Schedule in the summer or fall – potential dates – Holly, Lisa, and Liana will propose dates at the Green Team meeting
  - e. **Next Green Team Monday June 25, 2018 at 7:30 pm – Hawthorne Library**
- V. Buy Local Campaign – Launch July 1, 2018 “Find the Hawthorne BEE!”
  - a. Program will begin on Sunday July 1, 2018 to Saturday August 4, 2018

- b. Celebration Party – Sunday August 5, 2018
  - c. Meg is working on identifying the businesses participating Find the Hawthorne BEE! Program
  - d. Will need volunteers to distribution the BEE materials to the business at the end of the month; prior to Sunday July 1, 2018
- VI. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program for Municipalities - Hawthorne awarded \$20,000 grant on May 8, 2018
- a. Council meeting on Wednesday June 6, 2018 -Rayna presented to Council “Gateway to the Passaic River.”
  - b. Remove Poison Ivy from woody area - Proposals from Poison Ivy Gone (waiting for proposal) and Green Goats (received proposal)
  - c. NJDEP Fish & Wildlife contacted the Commission – tentatively scheduled the first week of June – Stock fish in the Passaic River at the Hawthorne launch area – Wagaraw Ballfields – Scheduled on Thursday May 24, 2018 at 11:00 am - Northern Pike and Brown Headed Catfish; Pat and Carol will prepare a Press Release for the newspapers; Send to Rayna for review
  - d. Rutgers – Received Scope of Work proposal dated June 11, 2018; Rayna will work with Eric Mauer on Council resolution.
- VII. 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. Notified on May 11, 2018 - Hawthorne Environmental Commission was awarded \$1,500 grant
  - c. Discuss Design of Trail Sign – Lisa DeVos presented a trail sign from a location in Ohio; all liked the design; Rayna requested Mary to design the “Gateway to the Passaic River” sign based on the layout of the Ohio sign; Mary will propose the draft signs at the June Green Team meeting.
- VIII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. 2018-2019 School Calendar Dates – Cel Earth Bration and Annual June Environmental Program – Need to Follow-up – Rosanne Zagattta
  - b. Native Plant – Municipal Building – Riverstone Designs – Andy will follow-up this week (week of June 11, 2018); working on proposal for the Commission; June 7, 2018 - Boswell Engineering provided a Google Map along with the Tax Map layer to show the property lines of the Borough Hall in a tiff file and pdf file to the Environmental Commission

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
July 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm  
Hawthorne High School**