



### **Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: June 25, 2018**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Patty Elwood, Mary Mahon, Alex Vetlov, Holly Cowen, Lisa DeVos, and Carol Robertson

#### **Green Team Purpose**

- Making community life sustainable in a way that minimizes environmental harm and depletion of natural resources
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey Certification

#### **Topics Discussed on June 25, 2018:**

- a. Review May 21, 2018 Green Team Minutes – Approved
- b. Community Garden 2018 – Harvest Celebration – Confirmed date with Ambulance – Saturday October 20, 2018 at 4:00 pm; Pat MacDonnell will send out a Save the Date to the gardeners; All are welcome to attend
- c. Green Lectures 2018
  - i. Goffle Brook Farms – Native Plants – Donna Confirmed Tuesday June 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm; Donna will be conducting the introduction of the program and Lincoln Landscaping will be conducting/presenting the Native Plant workshop.
  - ii. Bird Watching 101 – Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, and Liana Ramona – Discuss nesting boxes, feeders, birds, etc. – Fall or Winter of 2019
- d. Bird Walk – Walking Tour – Schedule in the summer or fall – potential dates – Saturday in October - TBD
- e. Brochure/flyer – Who we are, What we do, and Volunteer Request – Move to the Hawthorne Environmental Commission meeting in July 2018
- f. Annual June Environmental Program – Monday June 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne High School Successful program; Recognition first, then the Environmental Program – format worked very well.; suggestion next year- students select one (1) favorite science project
- g. Buy Local Campaign – Launch date Sunday July 1, 2018 “Find the Hawthorne BEE!”
  - i. Campaign from Sunday July 1, 2018 to Saturday August 4, 2018
  - ii. Celebration of the “Find the Hawthorne BEE!” Sunday August 5, 2018 at the Farmers’ Market
  - iii. Total of 22 business participating; Need 18 of 22 stamped to enter a drawing to win prizes
  - iv. Need Volunteers to distribute Bee materials by Friday June 29, 2018 – Pat MacDonnell, Carol Robertson, Rosanne Zagatta, and Mary Mahon
  - v. Publicity – Rayna
    1. Press Release – Hawthorne Press, Gazette, Record, and Tapnet
    2. Ad – Hawthorne Press – Week of July 9, 2018

3. Facebook, Borough's Website, and Channel 77
- h. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Fair Sunday September 9, 2018 (rain date Sunday September 16, 2018)
  - i. **Time of Event** 9 am to 2 pm; set-up 8:00 am
  - ii. **Men of Horse Band** – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm with (2) 15 minute breaks –
  - iii. **Potential Vendors**
    1. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth
    2. Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook
    3. Pottery – Mary Mahon; - Mary will work with Animals Need You;
    4. “Animals Need You” non-profit organization Tom – Mary Mahon
    5. BEAR Management
    6. City Green
    7. Hawthorne Garden Club
    8. Gourmet Express - No
    9. Pandora Healing
    10. Goffle Brook Farm
    11. Passaic County 4-H Club (Bike Smoothie Demonstration – Rutgers Nutrition)
    12. Rocky's Pet Pantry - Rebecca will contact
    13. Knead-U-Need - Rebecca will contact
    14. NJ Clean Energy Program – Promote programs
    15. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Rain Garden, Native Plant Projects
    16. Hawthorne Birds
    17. Food Bank – “New Hope” – No – will be working with the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce – local Hawthorne Church
    18. Viridian Energy
    19. Project Medicine Box – Get literature/information for Green Team booth – Maureen Cook
    20. Hawthorne School of Dance
    21. The Learning Tree
    22. Paula Tutein – Booth on Coaching for Life – Opening Insights, LLC
    23. Pilates Fusion – Pat Curcio
    24. Green Mojo Eco Consulting Company
    25. Chet Scents – Soy Candles
    26. Holistic Nutrition for Life – Mary Mahon
    27. TechniArt
    28. Electric Car - No
    29. Cocosol
    30. Hawthorne Railroad Association
    31. Passaic County Open Space – Kathleen Caren
    32. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission
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    34. B Witching Bath Co
    35. Wild Dog Foundation – Coyote Program
    36. Cub Scouts – Kim
    37. Girl Scouts – Lauren
  - iv. Farmer's Market Vendors – Bee Hive – Rob Meier

- v. Tables and Chairs for event – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Maureen/Bob Scully- tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs)
- vi. Publicity
  - 1. Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Ads
  - 2. Green Fair Signs
  - 3. Green Fair Flyers
  - 4. Special Invitations – Mayor and Council
- vii. Giveaways
  
- i. “Gateway to the Passaic River” Project - 2018 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant and 2018 Sustainable Jersey Grant for Environmental Commissions
  - i. 2018 ANJEC Sandy Batty Grant Awarded to Hawthorne Environmental Commission on Friday May 11, 2018 for \$1,500 grant.
  - ii. Council meeting on Wednesday June 6, 2018 – Rayna presented to Council “Gateway to the Passaic River” project; Presented Mayor with the ANJEC grant check
  - iii. Rayna is working with Rutgers on the Scope of Work/Proposal for the Rain Garden – Received and Council approved resolution to hire Rutgers for the design and implementation of the raingarden on June 20, 2018; Next Step: Schedule site visit with Rutgers to initiate the design of the rain garden
  - iv. Rayna and Alex are working on alternatives for the removal of the poison ivy in the woody area; - Green Goats and Poison Ivy Gone; Approximately ¼ acre of woody area; Carol met Poison Ivy Gone on Monday June 11, 2018; Rayna is working on the scope of work and proposal costs with Poison Ivy Gone
  - v. 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 Thursday May 24 2018 at 11:00 am -Northern Pike and Brown Headed Catfish; - Rayna - Posted on Facebook and issued Press Release to local newspapers
  - vi. Field Trip – Site Visit – Saturday May 12, 2018 – Need to determine how many bird nesting boxes are required for area; identified trees are still tagged; lots of poison ivy intertwined in the underbrush of the tree canopy; discussed native plants to be planted in the area; took pictures of the storm water flow from the parking lot into the woody area; Rayna sent pictures (power point presentation) to Rutgers for the design of the rain garden
  - vii. Design of the Trail Sign “Gateway to the Passaic River” – Mary Mahon presented initial designs for the Trail Sign – team discussed and reviewed the initial designs; made some suggestions to the Trail sign;
    - 1. John Minicozzi – may be able to donate local wood to make the Trail Sign; re-purpose local wood into products
  - viii. Rutgers – Received Scope of Work proposal dated June 11, 2018; Council approved the Resolution on June 20, 2018. Waiting for Rutgers to propose dates for kickoff Site Visit meeting.
  
- j. Open Discussions:
  - i. 8 Acre Woods Project– Cub Scout Project – Conservation Project – Build and Install Nesting Boxes and Bat House – Jake

**VISION STATEMENT**

Hawthorne is committed to protecting our natural resources while meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising those of future generations.

Sustainability means:

- Protecting our open spaces, and conserving our natural resources with waste reduction and recycling
- Promoting environmental education, and energy efficiency to residents and businesses alike
- Considering environmental, economic, and social impacts to future development
- Improving community health and quality of life for every citizen

**Next Meeting Hawthorne Green Team  
July 23, 2018 at 7:30 pm  
Hawthorne Library**