



## **Hawthorne Environmental Commission Minutes July 11, 2019**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Mike Mariani, and Pat MacDonnell  
Guests/Green Team Members: Holly Cowen, Maureen Cook and Craig Cayetano

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting – Moved to the August 15, 2019 Meeting
  - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – June 10, 2019
  - b. Annual Environmental Program Minutes – June 10, 2019
  
- II. Environmental Commission and Green Team Roles & Responsibilities
  - a. Environmental Commissioner – Appointed by Mayor & Council; takes the lead on local environmental issues and serves as a base of local expertise; Informs the local planning and zoning boards about the environmental impacts of proposed development, advocates for open space preservation, researches and makes recommendations on natural resource issues, informs residents on ways to protect the environment, and develops a Natural Resource Inventory. Essential ingredient for creating a Sustainable Community
  - b. Green Team Member – Sub committee of the Environmental Commission; implements “green projects”- develop plans, implement programs and assist in the educational opportunities that support the creation of a sustainable community.
  
- III. Zoning Board of Adjustment
  - a. Draft Zoning Ordinance for review and discussion – Memorandum – Commission reviewed and discussed the Environmental comments prepared by the Chair; Other than Environmental Comments (re-zoning areas, setbacks, sheds, etc.) must be addressed as a Concern Citizen of Hawthorne, not as a Representative of the Environmental Commission; Commission agreed to the Environmental comments; Chair finalized and submitted to Borough Attorney and Burgis, Hawthorne’s Planner on June 13, 2019.
  - b. 53 Braen Avenue LLC – 10 Sotnick Street Application – Hearing July 2019; Preliminary discussed the revised plans for two (2) family homes in a R-1 Zone; Highlighted past environmental Commission’s concerns (letter dated November 7, 2013); Chair will prepare written report for July meeting; Discussed “draft written report” with the Commission; All agreed with the Environmental Commissions comments; July meeting was postponed until the August 19, 2019 at 6:45 pm. Encourage all to attend the Zoning Board meeting.
  
- IV. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Fair Sunday September 8, 2019 (rain date Sunday September 15, 2019)
  - a. Time of Event 9 am to 2 pm; set-up 8:00 am
  - b. Men of Horse Band – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm with (2) 15 minute breaks – Discussion regarding a local band called Willie Wilson and the Willies.

Holly to check.; Confirmed with Men of Horses; Will re-evaluate the Band for the 2020 Green Fair

- c. Potential Vendors – Contact Them & Request Participation – Open to New Vendors/Organizations
  1. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth – Rayna to check
  2. Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook – Confirmed
  3. “Animals Need You” non-profit organization Tom OR PCSPCA – Need to have a Discussion – No conclusive decision- Mary was not present to discuss
  4. BEAR Management – Rayna’s contact
  5. City Green -Pat to check
  6. Hawthorne Garden Club -Pat to check
  7. Pandora Healing -Lisa to check – “maybe”
  8. Goffle Brook Farm -Rayna or Mary to check
  9. Passaic County 4-H Club (Bike Smoothie Demonstration – Rutgers Nutrition) -Rayna
  10. Knead-U-Need – Pat MacDonnell
  11. NJ Clean Energy Program – Promote programs
  12. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Rain Garden, Native Plant Projects, and Anti-Idling
  13. Hawthorne Birds-Lisa, Holly, Liana - Confirmed
  14. Project Medicine Box – Get literature/information for Green Team booth – Maureen Cook
  15. Hawthorne School of Dance -Rosanne to check
  16. The Learning Tree Rosanne to check
  17. Pilates Fusion – Pat Curcio ?
  18. Green Mojo Eco Consulting Company - No
  19. Chet Scents – Soy Candles Liana to check
  20. Holistic Nutrition for Life – Mary ?
  21. TechniArt - No
  22. Electric Car - Park Ave BMW- Check with Craig – Confirmed
  23. Cocosol ?
  24. Hawthorne Railroad Association Rob
  25. Passaic County Open Space – Kathleen Caren
  26. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission Rayna to contact Ms. Lobosco
  27. Cub Scouts – Kim - Rosanne will check
  28. Girl Scouts – Lauren – Rosanne will check
  29. Lincoln Landscaping – Rayna to check
  30. Reimagined Design Rayna
  31. A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne NJ - Confirmed
  32. Bee Habitat – Mary Kostus Liana to check
  33. Yoga with Gianna – Holly to contact – Confirmed
  34. DVRT – Rosanne to check- Team decided that this is not a good idea for the Green Team
  35. Hawthorne Fire Department – Rosanne to check
  36. Fyke Nature Association – Holly to check
  37. Anti-Idling Table – Contact John to host table – Moved to the Haw Env Com/Green Team Table; John has not attended the most recent meetings.
  38. Wildbird Unlimited – Charles to contact
  39. Farmer’s Market Vendors –Rob Meier
  40. NJ Audubon Society – No (from Liana)

41. Emerald Eco-Squad – Craig
  42. Green Cleaning Company (from SJ Annual Conference 2019) – Rayna
  2. Tables and Chairs for event – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Maureen/Bob Scully- tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs)
  3. Publicity
    1. Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Ads
    2. Green Fair Signs
    3. Green Fair Flyers – Rayna
    4. Special Invitations – Mayor and Council
  4. Giveaways – Metal/Bamboo Straws discussed – Will wrap the straws in the Hawthorne’s Recycling Requirements.
  5. Contact Police in advance for signs and traffic control
  6. Styrofoam Collection/Deposit at Green Fair – Check with Maureen for trucks and procedure; Discussed Fall Date – Will not be heard with the Green Fair; Will be conducted with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Shredding Day/Styrofoam; Working on a date with the Town/DPW
- V. Municipal Building – Native Plant Project Update – In Review of the proposal and will set up a meeting with the Administration, DPW, and Mayor
- VI. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Suggestion - Divide the Team into Sections – Designate an Environmental Commissioner/Green Team member for a Town Wide Cleanup of Hawthorne
  - b. Library – Outside contractor cut the Milkweed and Joe Pye Weed at the Rain Garden; Outside contractor will replace and replant milkweed in the area.
  - c. Municipal Building - Outside contractor removed the Asters located at the entrance of the Municipal Building. Outside contractor will replace and replant asters in the area.

**Hawthorne Environmental Commission**  
**August 15, 2019 at 7:30 PM**  
**Municipal Building**