



Environmental Commission Minutes July 12, 2018

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

Guests: Lisa DeVos, and Alex Vetlov

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meetings:
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes - June 11, 2018
 - b. Annual Presentation to the Hawthorne Environmental Commission - June Environmental Program Minutes – June 11, 2018Motion by: Pat MacDonnell Second by: Robert Meier

- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – April and May 2018 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards

- III. 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; Commission sent comment letter dated July 1, 2018; Next Meeting: Tuesday July 24, 2018 at 7:30 pm

- 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; Scheduled Next Meetings: Tuesday June 12, 2018, Tuesday July 10, 2018 at 7:30 pm, and Tuesday July 24, 2018;
 1. Rayna Laiosa and Mary Mahon attended the July 10, 2018 meeting. Rayna asked questions regarding the storm water management, specifically the Dam classification. LAN Associates, Applicant’s Engineer, stated that NJDEP has classified the Dam as Class II Dam. NJAC 7:20-1.8 Dam Classification states that Class II Dam “- Significant Hazard Potential: This classification includes those dams, the failure of which may cause significant damage to property and project operation, but loss of human life is not envisioned. This classification applies to predominantly rural, agricultural areas, where dam failure may damage isolated homes, major highways or railroads or cause interruption of service of relatively important public utilities.” As you recall, the Environmental Commission’s testimony in April 2014 stated “Based on the Commission’s interpretation of NJDEP’s rules it appears that the basin should be classified as a Class

1 – High Hazard Potential Dam.” The applicant’s Engineer stated it was a Class IV permit by rule Dam classification. As part of Hawthorne’s Zoning Board approval, the applicant was required to have a determination made by NJDEP as the proper dam classification.

- b. Hawthorne Zoning Board of Adjustment – CHCC application Hearing Monday June 18, 2018 at 6:45 pm – Postponed decision to extend additional one (1) year approval of the project; Application will not be heard at the Hawthorne Zoning Board until the Wyckoff Zoning Board of Adjustment is approved and the 45 day appeal process is completed; Next Hearing: July 16, 2018 to discuss the extension.
- V. NJDEP – Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF)
- a. 55 Schoon Avenue (Former Pyrolac Corporation) site – Borough of Hawthorne will be applying for HDSRF grant application for the Pyrolac site. EWMA has been selected as the environmental consultant to prepare the application and be awarded the professional services when NJDEP grants the application.
- VI. Brochure/flyer Update– Who we are, What we do, and Volunteer Request – Discussed Lisa’s brochure. All agree it looks great! Mike liked the green swirl on the brochure. Rayna will send out the files to the Commissioner’s to be printed.
- VII. 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
 - 1. Discussed Ordinance Fee to be amended; include that the community garden fees can be utilized for the operation and maintenance of the community garden; Rayna needs to discuss with Eric and Mayor Goldberg
 - 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; Press Release sent to the local newspapers and posted on Facebook pages; Lincoln Landscaping, Kris Kolenut and Michael Kolenut presented with Donna Dorsey; “Where Organics Work – WOW”
 - 2. Bird Watching 101 – Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, and Liana Ramona – Discuss nesting boxes, feeders, birds, etc. – Fall or Winter of 2019
 - c. Bird Walk – TBD Saturday October 2018
 - d. **Next Green Team Monday July 23, 2018 at 7:30 pm – Hawthorne Library**
- VIII. 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 at the Farmers’ Market at Noon
 - c. Thank You – Rosanne, Pat, Carol, and Mary for distributing the BEE materials to our local businesses
- IX. Green Fair 8th Annual Green Fair Sunday September 9, 2018 (rain date Sunday September 16, 2018); Rebecca Grambone – Intern – Leading the Planning of our Green Fair
- 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 –

c. Potential Vendors

1. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth
 2. Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook
 3. “Animals Need You” non-profit organization Tom – Mary Mahon - Confirmed
 4. BEAR Management - Confirmed
 5. City Green
 6. Hawthorne Garden Club - Confirmed
 7. Pandora Healing
 8. Goffle Brook Farm
 9. Passaic County 4-H Club (Bike Smoothie Demonstration – Rutgers Nutrition)
 10. Rocky’s Pet Pantry - Rebecca will contact
 11. Knead-U-Need - Rebecca will contact
 12. NJ Clean Energy Program – Promote programs
 13. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Rain Garden, Native Plant Projects
 14. Hawthorne Birds
 15. Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce – working with a local Hawthorne Church food pantry– St. Clementine’s Church – will collect non-perish food
 16. Viridian Energy - Hazel
 17. Project Medicine Box – Get literature/information for Green Team booth – Maureen Cook
 18. Hawthorne School of Dance
 19. The Learning Tree
 20. Paula Tutein – Booth on Coaching for Life – Opening Insights, LLC
 21. Pilates Fusion – Pat Curcio
 22. Green Mojo Eco Consulting Company
 23. Chet Scents – Soy Candles
 24. Holistic Nutrition for Life – Mary Mahon - Confirmed
 25. TechniArt -
 26. Cocosol
 27. Hawthorne Railroad Association
 28. Passaic County Open Space – Kathleen Caren
 29. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission
 30. B Witching Bath Co
 31. Wild Dog Foundation – Coyote Program
 32. Cub Scouts – Kim
 33. Girl Scouts – Lauren
- d. Farmer’s Market Vendors – Request Bee Hive – Rob Meier
- e. Tables and Chairs for event – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Maureen/Bob Scully- tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs)
- f. Publicity – Rebecca and Rayna
1. Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Ads
 2. Green Fair Signs
 3. Green Fair Flyers - Rebecca
 4. Special Invitations – Mayor and Council
- g. Giveaways
- h. Status Report on 2018 Environmental Commission’s Budget – Rayna will request from Laure Foley

- X. 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 (received proposal - July) and Green Goats (received proposal May); Another suggestion from Alex Vetlov – Downes Tree Service – Goffle Brook Park project; Note: Buttonbush must be preserved along the shoreline of the Passaic River.
 - c. July 2018 – Carol stated that there are tires and metal car grill along the shoreline of the Passaic River – Needs to be removed
 - d. 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 – Complete – Article was published in the Gazette and Hawthorne Press
 - e. 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. – Confirmed Thursday July 12, 2018 at 10:00 am – Carol meet with Rutgers.
- XI. 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 – Mary Mahon presented proposed designs of the Gateway to the Passaic River at the Green Team meeting on June 25, 2018; Team made some additional suggestions; Presented Final Design of Trail Sign – canoe, duck, and fish layout; boxes around with the words "Gateway to the Passaic River."
- XII. 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
 - 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
 - c. Native Plant Project – Hawthorne Library – removal of the evergreen trees along the Library parking lot; replace with Native Plants; Lincoln Landscaping will be preparing a native plant proposal for area. Lincoln provided a scope of work and proposal for the library. Sent proposal to Joe Meltzer to review and to discuss with the Library Board. Rayna followed up with Mike and will let him know if the Library pursues this project.
 - d. 8 Acre Woods – Cub Scout Project – Conservation Project – Build and Install Nesting Boxes and Bat House – Jake – discussed with Jake; waiting from Jake to provide a proposal – scope of work for the project.

**Environmental Commission Meeting
August 2, 2018 at 7:30 pm Municipal Building**