



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: July 23, 2018

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, Liana Romano, Holly Cowen, 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 July 23, 2018:

- a. Review June 25, 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 conducted the introduction of the program and Lincoln Landscaping presented 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. 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. 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
- II. 8th Annual Green Fair Sunday September 9, 2018 (rain date Sunday September 16, 2018) Rebecca Grambone – Intern – Leading the Planning of our Green Fair
- 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 – Rutgers - Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth - Confirmed
 2. Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook - Confirmed
 3. “Animals Need You” non-profit organization Tom – Mary Mahon - Confirmed
 4. BEAR Management – Confirmed; need three (3) chairs
 5. City Green – waiting for response

6. Hawthorne Garden Club - Confirmed
 7. Pandora Healing – waiting for response
 8. Goffle Brook Farm – waiting for a response
 9. Passaic County 4-H Club (Bike Smoothie Demonstration – Rutgers Nutrition) – waiting for response
 10. Rocky’s Pet Pantry – No longer in business
 11. Knead-U-Need – waiting for response
 12. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Rain Garden, Native Plant Projects, and NJ Clean Energy Program – Promote programs
 13. Hawthorne Birds- Confirmed
 14. Food Bank local Hawthorne St. Clementine’s Church – Green Team/Chamber of Commerce will collect non-perish food
 15. Viridian Energy – need to have Hazel contact Rick
 16. Project Medicine Box – Get literature/information for Green Team booth – Maureen Cook
 17. Hawthorne School of Dance – waiting for response
 18. The Learning Tree – waiting for response
 19. Paula Tutein – Booth on Coaching for Life – Opening Insights, LLC – waiting for response
 20. Pilates Fusion – Pat Curcio -waiting for response
 21. Green Mojo Eco Consulting Company – waiting for response
 22. Chet Scents – Soy Candles – Confirmed
 23. Holistic Nutrition for Life – Mary Mahon - Confirmed
 24. Cocosol – waiting for response
 25. Hawthorne Railroad Association – waiting for response
 26. Passaic County Open Space – Kathleen Caren – waiting for response
 27. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – waiting for response
 28. B Witching Bath Co – Need approval from Rob Meier
 29. Wild Dog Foundation – Coyote Program – waiting for response
 30. Cub Scouts – Kim – discussed event; suggested to Cub Scouts have a table demonstrating what they do for the environment; waiting for response
 31. Girl Scouts – Lauren – waiting for response
 32. Lincoln Landscaping – Confirmed
 33. Fyke Nature Association – waiting for response
 34. Reimagined Designs – Stephanie - Confirmed
 35. PCSPCA – Stephanie Tonnesen Hornbeck – Confirmed
 36. Don Torino – Audubon Society – Holly contacted Don; requested additional information – flyer and last year’s 2017 press release
- 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 – Rebecca and Rayna
 1. Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Ads
 2. Green Fair Signs
 3. Green Fair Flyers
 4. Special Invitations – Mayor and Council
 - vii. Giveaways
- b. “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. 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 met with Rutgers
 - 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 – Received proposal from Poison Ivy Gone (July 2018); Another suggestion from Alex Vetlov – Downes Tree Service – Goffle Brook Park project; Note: Buttonbush must be preserved along the shoreline of the Passaic River. Met with Downes Monday July 23, 2018 – Carol and Rayna – discussed alternative locations for rain garden – two instead of one; Entrance of the walkway on each side; Rayna contacted Rutgers – Rutgers agrees to the alternative location of the rain garden. Rutgers will send the rain garden design within one (1) month – August
 - 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. Final Design – Canoe, Duck, Fish – Boxes around the wood the words “Gateway to the Passaic River” - Length of Trail Sign – 5 feet; Width of the Trail Sign – 2 feet; Rayna needs to create a pdf of the design in order to receive pricing for the trail sign.
 - 2. John Minicozzi – may be able to donate local wood to make the Trail Sign; re-purpose local wood into products
 - 3. Doug’s Got Wood – Doug Winters Made in Hawthorne NJ – Handcrafted from recycled pallets and flooring
- c. Open Discussions:
- i. 8 Acre Woods Project– 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.
 - ii. Rayna will send final pdf file Brochure to all members

- iii. “Practical Ways to Reduce Waste” – Led by Pat MacDonnell –Recent articles in the Record; discussed how to get food waste out of the waste stream; Restaurants and residents; Discussed organizations - City Harvest (NYC) Food for Thought (Rockland County); City Green; Provide the resources to the our restaurants; Provide a Valuable Service; Need to provide the tools to the restaurants and the business to want to food waste recycle or donation
- iv. Sustainable Jersey – Recertification Cycle – 2019 – Rayna will send Pat an Excel Spreadsheet with all of the SJ Action Plans. Pat will review and indicate what Actions that the Commission and Green Team has accomplished.

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
August 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library**