



Environmental Commission Minutes August 2, 2018

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

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meetings:
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – July 12, 2018
Motion by: Mary Mahon Second by: Pat MacDonnell

- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – June and July 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 – Cancelled; Next Meeting: Tuesday August 21, 2018

- 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.

2. Tuesday July 24, 2018 – Wyckoff Approved

- 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. – Board Approved the Extension – (1) year additional
- V. Transportation Alternatives 2018 Grant – Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Letter of Support -Mayor Goldberg sent July 17, 2018
- VI. 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
 - 2. The Learning Tree – Friday August 3, 2018 at 6:00pm – Lecture – Quality Time with their children and being healthy and Being very Environmental conscious. Part of the Program – Hawthorne's Community Garden – Rayna and Pat will participate in the event
 - b. Green Lectures 2018 – Hawthorne Library
 - 1. 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 August 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm – Hawthorne Library**
- VII. 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
- VIII. 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; Budgeted \$400 for the Band; Mike will confirm with Men of Horses
 - b. **Men of Horse Band** – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm with (2) 15 minute breaks –
 - c. **Potential Vendors**
 - 1. Amy Rowe – Rutgers - Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth - **Confirmed**
 - 2. Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook – New Plastic Policy – Only 1, 2, and 5's will be accepted; Will communicate to the Community this month, August 2018- **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- Team agreed to potentially find another energy vendor
 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
 37. Veronica MacDonald Ditko – “A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne.” - **Confirmed**
- d. Farmer’s Market Vendors – Bee Hive – Rob Meier
 - e. Tables and Chairs for event – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Maureen/Bob Scully- tables – **Confirmed**)) 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 – Completed
 4. Special Invitations – Mayor and Council
- g. Giveaways – Non-Plastic items; Promote environmental friendly products – Rosanne; tentatively budget of \$275
- h. Status Report on 2018 Environmental Commission's Budget – Rayna will request from Laure Foley; Received
- IX. 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. 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
 - 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 met with Rutgers.
 - f. Grand Opening Idea – Work with local Dick's Sporting Goods, Ramsey Outdoor, or Campmour for kayak or canoe demonstrations- Discussion
- X. 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. 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
 4. Mary Mahon is working with the potential two vendors for a cost proposal for the Trail Sign.
- d. Tree Tags – Carol researched the internet; Found “Plants Map”; tree tags for Trees; Carol will order samples and send them to Pat MacDonald’s house.
- XI. 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. 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
September 6, 2018 at 7:30 pm Municipal Building**