



**Hawthorne Environmental Commission Minutes
October 10, 2019**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Mary Mahon, Robert Meier, Carol Robertson, Liana Romano, Mary Lou DiMattia, and Pat MacDonnell

Guests/Green Team Members: Elisabeth Barker, Alex, Vetlov, Grace Young, and Craig Cayetano

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes – September 5, 2019
Motion by: Liana Romano Second by: Mary Mahon

- II. Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - a. 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 – Postponed to September 16, 2019 meeting at 6:45 pm; Re-Postponed to December 16, 2019

- III. NJDEP Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) 2018 Grant – Awarded and Approved Council Meeting October 2, 2019; Approximately \$53,000

- IV. 9th Annual Green Fair Sunday September 8, 2019 (rain date Sunday September 15, 2019) – Moved Discussion to the Green Team Meeting October 28, 2019
 - a. What went well/Improvements for 2020
 - b. Thank You Notes

- V. Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 21, 201 Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 21, 2019 – Thank you to Mary Mahon, Alex Vetlox, Charles Stebbins, Liana Romano, Carol Roberston, Pat MacDonald, Rosanne Zagatta, Patty Elwood, Lisa DeVos, and Holly Cowen volunteering at Hawthorne Day promoting Hawthorne’s Sustainability Vision – Environmental Education and Awareness!

- VI. Styrofoam & Shredding Day Collection – Saturday October 19, 2019 at Municipal Building Parking Lot; Rain or Shine; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm;
 - a. Finalized Styrofoam flyer and pre-ss release;
 - b. Maureen will send flyer (non-color photo) as the Ad (weeks of September 30 and Week of October 10, 2019) in the Hawthorne Press
 - c. Maureen - Press Release to Gazette, Tap A Net, and Hawthorne Press
 - d. Volunteer Time Slots
1.8:45 am to 9:30 am – Alex Vetlox

2. 9:00 am to 10:00 am – Karen Young, Mary Mahon, and Pat MacDonald
3. 10:00 am to 11:00 am – Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, and Pat MacDonald
4. 11:00 am to 12:00 pm – Charles Stebbins, Carol Robertson, Liana Romano, and Craig Cayetano

- VII. Municipal Building – Native Plant Project Update – In Review of the proposal and will set up a meeting with the Administration, DPW, and Mayor – Meeting held on Friday August 2, 2019 – went very well; DPW will begin the removal of the Arborvitae; Rayna will follow up with Mike – regarding pricing for the pots.; Received Final Proposal; Submitted Paperwork for Processing to the Borough August 26, 2019; Timeframe - August/September 2019 DPW removed the bushes/vegetation; tree stumps remain and must be grinded up/removed prior to Lincoln Landscape can begin the native plant planting
- VIII. 2020 Cel Earth Bration Date - Saturday April 18, 2020 - Rosanne will verify with Hawthorne’s School System; Hawthorne Day Saturday September 26, 2020; Annual June Environmental Program Monday June 8, 2020. Green Fair at the Famer’s Market Sunday September 13, 2020 (rain date Sunday Sept 20, 2020) - Confirmed 2020 dates for events
- IX. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Library – Outside contractor cut the Milkweed and Joe Pye Weed at the Rain Garden; Outside contractor will replace and replant milkweed in the area. – Maureen Cook
 - b. 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. – Maureen Cook
 - c. Rain Garden –Library – Carol will collect milkweed seeds; Alex suggested Ironweed purple flower (seeds/plants from his home) for the monarch butterfly garden towards the arborvitae bushes; All agreed – great idea; Will plant Spring 2020.
 - d. Request service volunteer letter for Grace Young – Rayna will prepare letter
 - e. Discuss Alex’s letter to Passaic County regarding native plant cutting in Goffle Brook Park;
 - f. Discuss 8 Acre Woods – Potential Citizen Group/Task Force – invasive species; need heavy equipment to remove the overgrown bushes to re-create the walking paths in the center of the 8 Acre Woods.

**Hawthorne Environmental Commission
November 14, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Municipal Building**