



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: October 22, 2018

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, Patty Elwood, Holly Cowen, Carol Robertson, Lisa DeVoes, and Bill Nicolosi

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 October 22, 2018:

- a. Review September 6, 2018 Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes (August 27, 2018 Green Team – Cancelled) - Approved
- b. Community Garden
 1. Community Garden Harvest Celebration –Saturday October 20, 2018 Ambulance Building Corp at 4:00 pm; very low attendance; two (2) gardeners out of 16 participated; Need to re-think celebration
 2. Hawthorne Food Pantry Continues – Barbara has been collecting and keeping track of pounds of produce – total of 63.7 lbs donated
 3. First Refusal to all Gardeners – need to send email – Rayna; Team agreed that key must be returned, then request security fee returned if applicable
- c. Green Lectures/Bird Walks 2018 and 2019 – Topics
 - i. Bird Watching 101 – Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, and Liana Ramona – Discuss nesting boxes, feeders, birds, etc. – Fall or Winter of 2019 – Team agreed to the following Proposed Dates – March 5, 13, 19, or 27, 2019 – Mary will follow up with the Library for availability
 - ii. Green Cleaning Theresa Moeller – North Haledon
 - iii. Bird Walks – Proposed Dates – April 13, 2019 (Saturday April 6, 2019 – Cel Earth Bration), May 11, 2019 (Grand Opening Gateway Project), May 25, 2019, or June 1, 2019
- d. Proposed 2019 Hawthorne Green Team Meeting Dates – Received Library Application for 2019 Meeting Dates
 - 9th Annual Green Fair at the Farmers’ Market – Sunday September 8, 2019 (Rainn Date of Sunday September 15, 2018) **Note:** Hawthorne Day is Saturday September 21, 2019

January 28, 2019
February 25, 2019
March 25, 2019
April 29, 2019
May 20, 2019
June 24, 2019
July 29, 2019

August 26, 2019
September 23, 2019
October 28, 2019
November 25, 2019
December 12, 2019

- e. “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. **ANJEC Interim Report due Monday October 29, 2018** – Discuss draft interim report; All agree with the interim report progress on the Gateway project; Please send comments to Rayna by Friday October 26, 2018
 - iii. Council meeting on Wednesday June 6, 2018 – Rayna presented to Council “Gateway to the Passaic River” project; Presented Mayor with the ANJEC grant check
 - iv. 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. **Conclusion** – Downes Tree Service will remove poison ivy along the existing pathway to the River; all other poison ivy in the woody area will remain;
 - v. July 2018 – Carol stated that there are tires and metal car grill along the shoreline of the Passaic River – Needs to be removed
 - vi. 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
 - vii. **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. – Received Design September 4, 2018; Rayna will send to the Team for review; Team agreed with the Rain Garden Design; Rayna communicated to Rutgers; **Next Step:** Friday October 5, 2018 at 8:00 am to have a Kick Off Meeting with Commission and Downes Tree Service – Confirmed; went very well; Rayna worked with Town on revising Rutgers Purchase Order.
 - viii. **Downes Tree Service** – Monday September 24, 2018 – Rayna met with Pieter to discuss revised rain garden location and scope of work; Pieter will provide a proposal to install the rain garden, clear the pathway to the River, and removal of the large tree.; On Friday September 28, 2018, Rayna received permission from DPW to remove the trees in the rain garden location. October 2018 - Received scope of work proposals from

- Downes Tree Service; Approved scope of work and Purchased Orders were issued October 18, 2018; Downes Tree Service started the removal of the trees in the vicinity of the proposed two (2) rain gardens on Friday October 19, 2018!
- ix. 2019 Grand Opening Idea – Work with local Dick’s Sporting Goods, Ramsey Outdoor, or Campmour for kayak or canoe demonstrations-Discussion
 - x. **Trail Sign** - 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 to receive pricing for the trail sign. - Complete
 1. John Minicozzi –donate local wood, Birch and two wooden posts for the Trail Sign; re-purpose local wood into products
 2. Wood maker selected – Hawthorne resident, Paul Whelan, of Lucky Wood will build our Trail Sign. Paul is working with John on the selection of the Birch wood; Paul Whelan brought a scaled drawing of the Trail Sign to the Commission meeting at the October 11, 2018
 - xi. **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. Pat brought the tree tag samples; Team loved them; **Next Step:** 1) Identify the trees in the woody area; 2) Need to communicate Downes Tree, Hawthorne’s Arborist, and Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission; - Designated Carol as point person
 - xii. **Nesting Boxes** Working with Cub Scouts – Steven Fitzsimon and John Manzo troop; Commission/Green Team will supply the recycled materials. What type of birds do we want to attract? – Request (8) nesting boxes to be built; Team agreed to attract the following birds: Chickadee, Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Screech Owl, Wood Duck, and Flicker. Each of the birds have a different diameter of hole for the nesting box. Alex provided an estimate – approximately 60 linear feet is required of the recycled materials for the nesting boxes. Home Supply has been identified as the vendor to purchase the recycled materials and nuts/bolts required. Install nesting boxes February/March 2019 timeframe **Next Step:** Alex will visit Home Supply and get an order put together with the scope of materials and submit to Rayna
 - xiii. **Trail Map** – Rayna is providing a high-level concept of the Trail Map to Marc Molernaro (printer); Mary Mahon created a preliminary design of the Trail Map like the 8 Acre Wood trail map – not to scale; Trail map will include the walking paths, approximately walking distances of the paths, nesting boxes locations, and tree identification tags. Next Step: October 26, 2018 – Mary, Pat, and Carol will conduct a site visit to determine the number of steps and walking distances for the trail map.
- f. “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; Pat conducted a preliminary research; Will report at our next meeting.
 - g. Sustainable Jersey – Recertification Cycle – June 2019

- i. Rayna sent Pat an Excel Spreadsheet with all the SJ Action Plans. Pat will review and indicate what Actions that the Commission and Green Team has accomplished.
- h. Open Discussions:
 - i. **Daisy Troop Project** – Daisy sent letter to Mayor and Council requesting to put Pine cone bird feeders on municipal property for the birds. Discussed the following potential locations:
 1. Municipal Building
 2. 8 Acre Woods
 3. Pool and Bandshell Complex Area
 4. Wagaraw Ballfield Complex Area
 5. Rhodes Park - Utter Avenue
 6. Library
 7. Community Garden
 8. DPW - Water Building area adjacent to the Goffle Brook waterway
 9. Rayna will follow-up with Municipality with proposed locations and coordinate the date of implementation.
 10. Criteria – Safety considerations, parking, and easy to hang the pine cone bird feeders in the trees
 11. Finalized locations – Municipal Building, 8 Acre Woods, Rhodes Park & Utter Avenue, and Ambulance Building Corp/Community Garden; Scheduled Saturday November 10, 2018 at 2:00 pm; Rain Date Sunday November 11, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Meet at the Municipal Building. then travel 8 Acre Woods (park on Maitland Avenue – Boys & Girls Club), Ambulance Building/Community Garden and Rhodes Park at Utter Avenue.

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 Green Team
November 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library**