



## **Environmental Commission Minutes February 11, 2016**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Lou DiMattia, and Mike Mariani  
Guests: Yvonne Humphries, Carol Robertson, Carol Robertson, Hawthorne Christian Academy  
Student Council Representatives – Evelyn Park and Albert Bouwer

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of
  - a. Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2016 – Moved to the March 10, 2016 meeting
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – Will be discussed at the March 2016 meeting
- III. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
  - a. **Community Garden**
    1. 2016 Community Garden Season
    2. One (1) 4 x 8 Raised Bed is available. Deadline Friday February 12, 2016
    3. Updated Rules & Regulations and Application Form – Borough Website
    4. City Green Dig In Grant Program – 2016 Spring Cycle; Deadline February 12, 2016 – Green Team is not filing for a 3<sup>rd</sup> grant for the community garden
  - b. **Green Lecture** – May 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Native Plants” – Pre-planting, soil preparation, and vegetable gardening
  - c. **Green Lecture** – March/April 2016 – Gardening Basics – Need to discuss with Jack Systma
  - d. **Next Green Team Meeting February 22, 2016**
- IV. Fair Lawn Green Fair – Fair Lawn Community Center on Wednesday March 9, 2016 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm; Rain Date March 10, 2016 – All members are encouraged to attend the event
- V. Sustainable Jersey
  - a. Re-Certification – Borough of Hawthorne certification expires December 31, 2016; Initial Deadline for Re-Certification – June 5, 2016; All actions must be completed September 11, 2016 to be recognized at the NJLM conference
  - b. Discuss/Update 2015-2016 Action – Assign Action Plan Summary
  - c. Sustainable Jersey Grant Program – \$2,000 grant – Native Plant Innovation Project – Submitted on Saturday February 6, 2016; Announcement of Winners on March 21, 2016; Rayna will provide grant application to the Borough for their records.
- VI. ANJEC – Another opportunity to get funds for the enhancement of the Borough of Hawthorne Native Plants on Borough property; Expansion of the Rain Garden and Butterfly Garden at the Library
  - a. 2016 ANJEC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION GRANTS FOR OPEN SPACE STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS – Grant funds up to \$1,500.

Deadline April 1, 2016 – Carol Robertson will review application and incorporate the Sustainable Jersey grant application information to the ANJEC requirements

- VII. Planning Board Report – Update from Mary Lou - Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club resolution passed
  
- VIII. 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cel-Earth-Bration Saturday April 9, 2016 – Hawthorne High School
  - a. Theme – Team Brainstormed – Final Theme “Green Living”
  - b. T-Shirt Design –
    - 1. Voted on the Proposed Designs 1) Green Living or 2) Green Living with a Light Green Shadow; Voted #2 as the winner; Mike will make the water streams wider blues; Front of the T-Shirt and submit to Marc Moleno
  - c. Ideas/Activities –
    - 1. Barbara discussed having Cel-Earth-Bration “A learning Experience; Interactive Stations where the Commissioners and Green Team members interact with the resident and children in learning about Environmental Issues/Concerns;
    - 2. Interactive Stations – Hawthorne Recycling; Reptiles; Green Map; Trees; Birds; Need stickers or stamps; Discussed Green Ducks as the giveaways; each participant would get a duck; Rosanne will get pricing for Ducks; Rule: 1 duck per child;
      - 1. Final Interactive Stations – Birds, Water Environmental Resource Inventory), Green Map (pictures of Touring of Hawthorne; walking down the hallway display)
    - 3. Getting to Know Hawthorne’s Environment – Environmental Resource Inventory Figures/Maps – Water – Yvonne will put together a summary for Rayna to review; Hawthorne Historical society – Bob Maggio will find out the contact name, Hawthorne Historical Train Association (adjacent to Diamond Bridge Avenue)
    - 4. Potentially Scavenger Hunt K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; 3 to 5 grade; 6 to 8 grade – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes; Overall Winner for each category – Display project at the Library (need to request for display of project in a winder show case – Confirmed by Carol Robertson) or the Memorial Day Parade (float)
  - d. Potential Entertainment/Vendors
    - 1. Rizzo Reptile – Flanders NJ created a Wildlife Preserve - Booked
    - 2. Hawks/Falcons
    - 3. Beekeeper
    - 4. Environmental Career Panel/Discussion
    - 5. Boys/Girls Club
    - 6. Boys Scouts
    - 7. Passaic County Parks
    - 8. Hawthorne Shade Commission – Tree Walk
    - 9. Environmental Commission – Powerpoint of Events in Hawthorne Snapshot
    - 10. Mad Science – Request pricing for event – Rosanne will follow-up
    - 11. Facepainting/Tattoos
    - 12. Crafts
  - e. Publicity/Press Release
    - 1. Channel 77
    - 2. Nextel Alerts
    - 3. Hawthorne Press/Gazette
    - 4. Borough Website
    - 5. Facebook pages

- 6. Lawn signs – Mike Mariani will work with Marc on the double sided signs
  - f. Trashion Show – Expand to designing bags, hats; jewelry as well as designing clothing
  - g. Confirmed April 9, 2016 – Shredding day at the Municipal Building
- IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Hawthorne Christian Academy Student Council Representatives – Evelyn Park and Albert Bower – Presented to Commission – Fundraising project for installing a Potable Well in South Africa - \$10,000; Request to have a car wash at the Hawthorne Gospel Church on Rt 208 using biodegradable soap; - Chair explained to the students Borough of Hawthorne has a stormwater permit regulated from NJDEP; Refer students to discuss with Borough Administrator to determine if this is allowed under the Borough's stormwater permit

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
March 10, 2016 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building**