



Environmental Commission Minutes January 10, 2013

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Pat Hutzelman, Mary Lou DiMattia, Hazel Pinos, Bob Maggio, Robert Meier, Lisa Szegedi, Mike Mariani, and Dominic Mele
Guests: Erick Pinos, and Mary Mahon

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes –Environmental Commission-Green Team December’s 2012
Motion by: Robert Maggio, Second by: Robert Meier
- II. Welcome – New Environmental Commissioners – Robert Meier, Hazel Pinos, and Mary Lou DiMattia
- III. Environmental Commission & Green Team Meeting Dates 2013 – Distributed to members
- IV. Water Quality Reports – Month of November 2012 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards
- V. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Sustainability website and Facebook – Send to Commission and Green Team members draft layout
 - b. Recycling Awareness Campaign
 - c. Sustainable Jersey – Re-Certification 2013
 - d. Green Map – BOE Presentation – All Schools will receive a Framed Green Map poster. Tuesday January 15, 2013 at 8:00 pm
 - e. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday January 28, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Hawthorne Library**
- VI. Cel-Earth-Bratton 2013 21st Annual Event -
 - a. Theme = Cel-Earth-Bratton 21st Annual Event – 3 R’s – Recycle, Reuse, and Reduce
 - b. T-Shirt Contest – Commission decided we will not conduct the contest. Instead, we will reach out to the HHS Art Teacher, Mr. Rosenbert, for students to design the T-Shirt. Robert Meier will work with the HHS. NEXT STEP: Rayna will send the rules from the T-Shirt Contest as a guide.
 - c. Potential Vendors/Activities
 - d. Special Invitations
 - e. Giveaways, etc
 - f. Check School calendar Date for HHS School Play – There is no conflict with the Play.
- VII. ANJEC
 - a. Annual Membership for 2013- Agree to the Membership and ANJEC Workshop plan; NEXT STEP: Rayna will submit invoice for payment.
 - b. ANJEC White Paper – Solar Siting and Sustainable Land Use October 2012 – NEXT STEP: Rayna will make a copy for Mary Lou (Planning Board)

- VIII. Environmental Permits – Reviewed and discussed permits. No comments from the Commissioners.
 - a. November 2012 - PSE&G Application for Modified Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit Numbers 1, 2, & 21 for Maintenance and Installation Electric Distribution Lines in Public Rights-of-Way
 - b. December 2012 – Veolia Es Solid Waste of NJ Inc. – Application for a Solid Waste Facility Permit – Permit Renewal

- IX. Report from Planning Board – Discussion about Environmental Resource Inventory as an Addendum to the Master Plan. Mary Lou will discuss ERI at next Planning Board Meeting. NEXT STEP: Rayna will drop off the paperwork for Mary Lou.

- X. Report from Zoning Board - No updates were provided to Commission.

- XI. Environmental Commission Events/Conferences/Meetings
 - a. Passaic County Planning Department – Passaic County Master Plan Open Space Wednesday January 9, 2013 at Borough of Hawthorne – Robert Meier attended the program. T & M Associates presented a powerpoint presentation about the Passaic County Master Plan – Open Space Component at the meeting. The focus of the meeting was future planning of the Park, not the current restoration program of the Park.
 - b. Passaic County Brownsfields Commission Meeting Wednesday January 16, 2013 at 3:00 pm – Guest Speaker - Mr. Anthony Bianchini, Lower Passaic River Study Area Cooperating Parties Group (CPG), presents “A Sustainable Remedy for the Lower Passaic” – Encourage Commissioners to attend the meeting.
 - c. Sustainable Jersey 2012 Certified Communities and Award Winners Special Recognition Ceremony Tuesday January 29, 2013 from 2:00 pm to 7:30 pm Forsgate Country Club, 375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Township, NJ - Encourage Commissioners to attend the meeting.

- XII. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
 - a. New Jersey Highlands Coalition – December’s 2012 Presentation – Commissioners agreed not to support the Highlands Council resolution.
 - b. Christian Health Care Center – Update by Mary Mahon
 - i. Revised Plan in February 2013 will be presented
 - ii. Issues – 1) Light at corner of Goffle Road and Sicomac Avenue; 2) Entrance to the Facility, and 3) Fire Chief – Combustible Material – wood stucco

- XIII. **Next Meeting February 21, 2013 at 7:30 pm**