



Environmental Commission Minutes March 21, 2013

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Pat Hutzelman, Rosanne Zagatta, Hazel Pinos, Mike Mariani, and Bob Maggio

Guests: Erick Pinos, Mary Mahon, Karen Young, Paul Giardino, and Ellen Brogno

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes – February’s 2013
Motion by: Robert Maggio, Second by: Rosanne Zagatta
- II. Water Quality Reports – December 2012 , January 2013, and February 2013 water reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards
- III. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Sustainability website – “Live” Website March 2013- Discussed the new website; Will work on creating a Facebook account
 - b. Recycling Awareness Campaign
 - c. Sustainable Jersey – Re-Certification 2013
 - d. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday March 25, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Hawthorne Library**
- IV. Sustainable Jersey – Re-Certification 2013 – Deadline June 1, 2013
 - a. “Hop the Shops” Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, Well Read Bookstore, and Chocolate Box – Saturday March 23, 2013 – Encourage Commissioners to participate in the “Hop the Shops” Buy Local Campaign
 - b. Green Lecture Series – Hawthorne Library; Sponsored by Hawthorne’s Green Team – Confirmed; Erick Hazel will create the flyer and Paula Tutein will create the press release for the event. Spread the Word; Will have a Foam Board Poster displayed at Cel-Earth-Bratton.
 - i. Wednesday April 24, 2013 at 7:30 to 9:00 pm “NJ Clean Energy Program” presented by Ed Schwartz Green Living Solutions
 - ii. Wednesday May 22, 2013 at 7:30 to 9:00 pm “Rain Barrel/Rain Garden” presented by Amy Roe
 - iii. Wednesday June 26, 2013 at 7:30 to 9:00 pm “Organic Landscaping” presented by Amy Roe
 - c. Tree Canopy – Both Commissions discussed and established Hawthorne’s Tree Canopy Goal. Paul Giardino, Hawthorne Shadetree Commission Chair, attended the meeting. See below for details.
 - d. Rain Garden Project – Working with Amy Roe, Rutgers, for the Hawthorne Library; Library Board approved the “concept of Rain Garden” at February’s meeting.
 - e. Community Garden – Evaluating the Ambulance Corp Building as a potential location for the Garden with Mayor, Business Administrator, and Councilman John Lane; Rayna will follow-up with Eric on the planning of our Garden.
- V. Cel-Earth-Bratton 2013 21st Annual Event – April 20, 2013 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 - a. Theme = Cel-Earth-Bratton 21st Annual Event - “Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle”
 - b. T-Shirt Design – HHS Art Teacher - Presentation Wednesday Council March 20, 2013

- c. School Use Application Form – Completed by Rosanne Zagatta
- d. Teachers Representing the 5 schools - Completed by Rosanna Zagatta
- e. Letters to the Teachers about the Green Project Contest – Completed by Rosanne Zagatta
- f. Publicity – Press Releases - Rosanne prepared and submitted our press release to the Press and Gazette
 - i. Hawthorne Press –
 - 1. Week of March 25 – Environmental Commission Press Release
 - 2. Week of April 1 – Shadetree Commission Press Release
 - 3. Week of April 8 – Shadetree Commission Advertisement
 - 4. Week of April 15 – Environmental Commission Advertisement
- g. Facebook, Patch, Borough Website - Rayna/Hazel will manage the social media outlets.
- h. Flyer/Advertisement – Mike Mariani will create the flyer/ad for the event.; Flyer will be distributed to local businesses and the Hawthorne School system.
- i. Lawn Posters – Mike will work with Marc Molenaro for updated white numbers for our Cel-Earth-Bratton lawn posters. In addition, Mike will get a permit, Building Dept, to display the posters.
- j. Certificates
- k. Prizes – Recycling Contest and Games - Rosanne
- l. Project Competition – Sign In Sheet of Participants – Mary Mahon will prepare.
- m. Entertainment – Rizzo Reptiles - Confirmed ; 10:30 and 12:15 Shows
- n. Schedule of Event – Foam Board Poster – Mike Mariani
- o. Tables – Potential Vendors, etc.
 - i. Environmental Commission/Green Team – Green Map, Anti-Idling, and New Website/Facebook page- Confirmed
 - ii. Recycling Dept - Confirmed
 - iii. Landscaping Pesticide Free – Sue Balik will identify possible landscaping companies to participate.
 - iv. Native Plants Elaine - No
 - v. Second Glance, Fab to Trash, Value Village - No
 - vi. Then and Now – Confirmed
 - vii. Second Hand Treasures - Confirmed
 - viii. Well Read Bookstore - Confirmed
 - ix. Toyota - No
 - x. Hawthorne Shadetree Commission – Tree Raffle, bean bag toss game, and tree giveaways to residents
 - xi. Flo’s Market and Hot Diggity Grill – Food to purchase for participants; Bob will contact both to inquire if they are interested in working with the Commission at Cel-Earth-Bratton
- p. Tattoos - Rosanne will order from Oriental Trader
- q. Sponges/bowls for tattoos – Bob Maggio
- r. Face Painting – Pat Hutzelman
- s. Games – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club; Suggestion from Hazel Pinos – Recycling Game found in the Oriental Trader catalog; Commission approved to order games; Great Idea!
- t. Recycling Craft Workshop – Rosanne will order from Oriental Trader
- u. Raffles – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club and Hawthorne Recycling Coordinator
- v. Judges -???
- w. Photography
- x. Pizza – Ellen Brogno - Confirmed
- y. Refreshments – Scott Crimel – Dirt Cake and Toxic Punch
- z. Special Invitations – BOE, Mayor and Council – Rosanne Zagatta
- aa. Giveaways, etc – Rosanne Zagatta
- bb. Shredding Day – 9 am to 1 pm Hawthorne High School

- cc. Cel-Earth-Bratton Timeline – Erick will add 2012’s information to the timeline.
- VI. Report from Planning Board
 - a. Tuesday March 19, 2013 at 7:30 pm – Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) will be discussed. – Board approved a Resolution to include ERI as an appendix to the Borough’s Master Plan.
 - b. Final Hawthorne Visioning Studies Report Dated February 25, 2013
- VII. Report from Zoning Board - No updates were provided to Commission
- VIII. Environmental Commission Events/Conferences/Meetings
 - a. ANJEC Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions – Saturday March 2, 2013 Clifton NJ 9:00 am to 1:30 pm – Pat and Mike attended the workshop.
- IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps – None.

Next Meeting April 18, 2013 at 7:30 pm

Hawthorne Tree Canopy

In November 2012, the Borough of Hawthorne prepared and submitted the 2012-2016 Community Forestry Management Plan (Plan). The Plan was approved in early 2013 by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Community Forestry Program. The Plan has overall program goals that establishes Hawthorne tree management program. The goals are the following:

- Minimize the risk of trees to public safety
- Achieve and perpetuate the public tree resource at maximum practical stocking (the maximum number of public trees the Borough can effectively manage given available resources)
- Maximum long-term stability and sustainability in the public tree population (No single genus comprises more than 20% of the public tree population and No single species comprises more than 10% of the public tree population.)
- Optimize the balance between the costs of maintaining and perpetuating the shade tree resource and budgetary constraints.

The Environmental Commission Chair, Rayna Laiosa and Shade Tree Commission Chair, Paul Giardino, agree not to choose a set numeric goal for the tree canopy due to budget constraints and the feasibility of increasing the cover as opposed to maintaining. We both agree to continue working together on educating the community of the importance of trees. For the past several years, the Shadetree Commission has worked closely with the Environmental Commission at our annual Cel-Earth-Bration event.