Environmental Commission Minutes April 3, 2008

Call to Order: Robert Maggio, Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Joe Wojtecki, Sean LaFlam, Pat Hutzelman, Lisa Szegedi, Carmen Ruta, Stacey Fiorina

I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes –March 2008
Motion by Lisa Szegedi, Second by Pat Hutzelman

II. Water Reports January and February 2008 – Reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards.

III. ANJEC Workshop/Report
a. **Environmental Commission Training to Protect Natural Resources -** Update; very satisfied with workshop, excellent presentation by ANJEC
b. **Municipal Energy Audits and Emission Inventories** Monday April 28, 2008 7:00 to 9:30 pm Woodbridge Town Hall, 1 Main Street Woodbridge NJ.
   - Mention of using solar power around town; possible grant for multi-million project to put solar panels on businesses and residences

IV. 8 Acre Woods Project – Site Visit and Ribbon Cutting - Suggested annual cleaning by BSA & Cub Scouts

V. Environmental Commission Website – Natural Resource Inventory posted on website

VI. Arbor Day Friday April 25, 2008 at 4:00 pm at Ambulance Building - Reminder to attend Arbor Day on behalf of the Environmental Commission; Ceremony would be very quick (approximately 30 minutes)

VII. Cel-Earth-Bration April 12, 2008

a. Cel-Earth-Bration Budget – On budget

b. Recycling Awareness Electronic Collection at each school - Complete

c. Teachers Representing the 5 schools -Complete

d. Recycling Craft Workshop – Debbie and Sharon are doing puppet bags instead of finger puppets this year - Complete

e. Publicity – Great job!
   - ✓ Press Releases, Posters for Advertisement – Hawthorne Press – press release on March 27, 2008 newspaper and advertisement on April 10, 2008 newspaper.
   - ✓ Shadetree Commission – press release on March 20, 2008 newspaper and advertisement on April 5, 2008 newspaper
   - ✓ Main Street – By the 15th of each month deadline for articles.
   - ✓ Gazette – Send press releases to the paper
   - ✓ Television Channel 77 – Earth Day;
   - ✓ Cel-Earth-Bration Signs – Diamond Bridge Ave and 8 Acre Woods

f. Prizes – Recycling Contest and Games – Sprinkles 10 cones for $12.50, Movie gift certificate tickets, pizza certificates from Hawthorne Best Pizza, Scoopy Doo ice cream gift

g. Project Competition – Create sign in sheet of participants – Carmen in process of collecting and putting together the sign in sheet.

h. Entertainment/Vendors – All are confirmed to attend the event.
   i. Mr. ReCycle and Bill Ponder confirmed for Cel-Earth-Bration
   ii. PSEG will participate with a Recycling Display
   iii. Shadetree Commission,-1) Tree tubling planting workshop, 2) Tree Raffle,
   iv. Bergen Radio Amateur Association – Short Wave Radio

i. Tattoos, Sponges, Face Painting - Complete

j. Games – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club - Complete

k. Name Tags for Commissioners - Complete

l. Raffles – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club (plant) and Hawthorne Recycling Coordinator will be having raffles throughout the event. - Complete

m. Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club - Complete

n. Judges -

o. Refreshments – Hawthorne HS Ecology Club (dirt cake & toxic punch) – Hot and Cold cups will be made out of recycled material. Collect and compost the cups. – Did not receive items on time for the event.

p. Photographer - Lisa Szegedi and Mary Mahon will bring their digital cameras

q. T-Shirts – Mary Ellen Lyons - Complete

r. Pizza – Ordered from Puzo's complete

VIII. Report from Planning Board -

IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps -None
   a. Shadetree Comission will be having a float at the Memorial Day parade. Asked if Environmental Commission would like to participate.
   b. 55 Westervelt Avenue Plans – preliminary design at the Borough Clerk's office for review; Plans have not been presented to Planning Board yet.

X. **Propose Next Meeting May15, 2008, instead of May 8, 2008**