

## **Environmental Commission Minutes – March 13, 2008**

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

**Guest:** Mary Mahon, , Mary Ellen Lyons, Phil Savoie

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes –February 2008  
Motion by Robert Maggio, Second by Rayna Laiosa
- II. Water Reports December 2007 – No issues
- III. ANJEC Annual Membership – Commissioners updated their information and all agreed to pay for the \$60 for workshop training plan. The workshop training plan would enable all members of the Commission to attend ANJEC workshop, meetings, etc. for no charge.
- IV. ANJEC Workshop/Report
  - a. **Environmental Commission Training to Protect Natural Resources** Saturday March 15, 2008 (9:00 to 12:30 pm) in Clifton New Jersey – Remind Environmental Commissioners to attend the workshop.
  - 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.
  - c. **ANJEC Report** Winter 2008
- V. 8 Acre Woods Trail Sign/Map Project – Project is complete. Need to conduct a site visit to identify areas on the observation decks to clean graffiti. Move ribbon cutting to sometime in June 2008.
- VI. Environmental Commission Website – Discussed with borough attorney can have pictures of children on the website as long as we do not identify them by name.
- VII. **Cel-Earth-Bratton April 12, 2008**
  - a. Cel-Earth-Bratton Budget – Spent \$1130 (includes Mr. ReCycle, Bill Plonder (Hawks), ANJEC membership, public notice of 2008 meetings, and food for event)
  - b. Recycling Awareness Electronic Collection at each school – Boxes will be in the schools by the end of the month, March.
  - c. Teachers Representing the 5 schools – In progress
  - d. Follow-up with letters to Teachers about the Recycling Contest – May need to include a disclaimer for student’s pictures on the website and newspaper in order to use their picture.
  - e. Recycling Game and Puzzle Booklets – Decided to hold for 2008 event, possible 2009 event
  - f. Recycling Craft Workshop – Debbie and Sharon are doing puppet bags instead of finger puppets this year
  - g. Publicity – Everything is going well.

- 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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
- h. Prizes – Recycling Contest and Games – Stacey will handle getting gift certificates from local Hawthorne business's for the prizes. Need to order ribbons (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> for winners.
- i. Project Competition – Sign In Sheet of Participants – Carmen Ruta will put together the sign in sheet.
- j. Entertainment/Vendors –
- 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
  - v. Develop Schedule for Activities
    - Mr. Recycle: 10:30; 12:00; 12:30; 1:00
    - Hawks: 11:00
    - Tree Seeding Workshop 10-12 p.m.
    - Award Ceremony 1:30
    - Recycle Workshop 10 - 2 p.m.
    - Possible movie for adults Green Revolution (deals with companies trying to go green.
- k. Tattoos, sponges – We will use last year's tattoos. Do not need to order tattoos.
- l. Face Painting – Pat got several different types of face painting kits. New for the event – stamps for the kids.
- m. Games – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club – All set
- n. Name Tags for Commissioners – Rayna will create name tags for everyone.
- o. Raffles – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club (plant) and Hawthorne Recycling Coordinator will be having raffles throughout the event.
- p. Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club

- q. Judges –Robert Maggio, Carmen Ruta, and Mary Mahon
  - r. 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. Need to follow-up with Scott on the compostable project.
  - s. Photographers- Mary Mahon, Stacey Fiorina, Lisa Szegedi
  - t. T-Shirts – Mary Ellen Lyons has ordered the t-shirts.
  - u. Pizza – Puzo’s instead of Hawthorne Pizza – Need to issue a purchase order for pizza.
  - v. Create a Thank You Poster for Organizations and sponsors for the event.
- VIII. Report from Planning Board – 55 Westervelt Ave project; Zone change to R9 by the Borough Council. Plans are going to the Planning Board. Potential issues about stormwater management and required area for collecting recyclables from the residents.
- IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps -None
- X. **Next Meeting April 3, 2008 at 7:30 pm.**

<b>Outstanding Next Steps</b>		
<b>Next Step</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Investigate the Radioactive levels differences in the drinking water from 2005 to 2006 (all levels are below NJDEP standards)	Mary Ellen Lyons to acting water department supervisor	By next meeting March 13, 2008
Bracing (X) across the backs of the trail signs to prevent bending	Rayna Laiosa	By next meeting March 13, 2008