Environmental Commission Minutes January 8, 2009

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Robert Maggio, Patricia Hutzelman, Stacey Fiorina, Carmen Ruta, Rosanne Zagatta, Lisa Szegedi, Joseph Wojtecki
Guest: Linda Missonellie, Krista Rambala, Renee Buchanan

I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes –December 2008
Motion by Robert Maggio, Second by Stacey Fiorina

II. Water Report Update –2008 – Water reports were not available for meeting. Will review water reports at February's meeting.

III. Status Update 2004 Passaic County Open Space Grant
a. Update on Grant money – County money is available.
b. Bird booklet and power point presentation – Received the CD-ROM with files
c. Follow-up on tree inventory of 8 Acre Woods – Waiting for list of trees from Arborist.

IV. 2009 Environmental Commission Meeting – Meetings were accepted.
January 8, 2009 (2nd Thursday)
February 12, 2009 (2nd Thursday)
March 19, 2009 (3rd Thursday)
April 2, 2009 (1st Thursday –prep for April 4, 2009 Cel-Earth-Bration)
May 14, 2009 (2nd Thursday)
June 8, 2009 (1st Monday – Annual Environmental Meeting)
July 9, 2009 (2nd Thursday)
August 13, 2009 (2nd Thursday)
September 10, 2009 (2nd Thursday)
October 8, 2009 (2nd Thursday)
November 12, 2009 (2nd Thursday)
December 10, 2009 (2nd Thursday)

V. Green Idea Committee Meeting Dates at the City Creamery – Meetings were accepted.
January 19, 2009 (3rd Monday)
February 16, 2009 (3rd Monday)
March 16, 2009 (3rd Monday)
April 20, 2009 (3rd Monday)
May 18, 2009 (3rd Monday)
June 15, 2009 (3rd Monday)
July 20, 2009 (3rd Monday)
August 17, 2009 (3rd Monday)
September 21, 2009 (3rd Monday)
October 19, 2009 (3rd Monday)
November 16, 2009 (3rd Monday
December 21, 2009 (3rd Monday)

VI. 17th Annual Cel-Earth-Bration – April 4, 2009 "Think Clean Get Green"
a. Green Project Contest – Rosanne is putting together the contest letters.
b. School Use Application Form submittal – Paperwork will be filed in January.
c. Distribution of Carbon Books to school system – Board of Education Meeting January 20, 2009 presentation to the 5 Schools, Hawthorne Library, St. Anthony's, and Hawthorne Christian Academy. Bob will work with Roberta, Mr. Mooney's secretary to coordinate presentation.
d. Hawthorne Recycling Coordinator
e. Teachers Representing the 5 schools

f. Letters to the Teachers about the Green Project Contest – Rosanne is putting together the letters.
g. Publicity – Press Releases, Posters for Advertisement
h. Certificates – Need to review to ensure certificates are appropriate for the Green Contest.
i. Prizes – Recycling Contest and Games
j. Project Competition – Sign In Sheet of Participants
k. Entertainment – Mr. ReCycle & Bill Plotter (Hawks)
l. Entertainment/Vendors – Hawthorne Shadetree Commission will be participating – tree sibling workshop, raffle, and advertisement for the event.
m. Tattoos, sponges
n. Face Painting
o. Games and Recycling Craft Workshop
p. Raffles – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club and Hawthorne Recycling Coordinator
q. Judges -???
r. Refreshments – Hawthorne HS Ecology Club (dirt cake & toxic punch)
s. Photography
t. T-Shirts – Mary Ellen Lyons

VII. Status Update Pan Chemical, 55 Schoon Avenue, and Christian Health Care Center
a. Pan Chemical – Town issued summons on December 30, 2008 for property maintenance, Hawthorne won Tax Appeal in Appellate court against Pan Chemical, boarding of the building continues, and Environmental Commission gave the Borough Clerk all Pan Chemicals environmental reports from the recent NJDEP File Review request from Commission.
b. 55 Schoon Avenue – Rayna will be coordinating a meeting between Hawthorne and Passaic County Economic Development to discuss site.
c. Christian Health Care Center – In December 2008, the neighbors on Emeline Drive received a letter about revised building plans for the expansion.

VIII. Report from Planning Board – 280 and 300 Ninth Avenue (Hawthorne Spring and Minifold Inc) property is in the process of being sold to Realty Acquisition Group, LLC (RAG) in Feb. 2009. As part of the property transaction, RAG has conducted an environmental due diligence. ***Next Step: The Environmental Commission is requesting copies of the environmental reports to review to ensure that the re-development of the property protects the environment and human health of the residents of Hawthorne.*** The Planning Board in February 2009 will be hearing RAG presentation on their re-development building plans for the property.

IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
a. On January 16, 2009, Rayna met with the new Superintendent of Schools to discuss Cel-Earth-Bration, Annual June program, and the partnership between Hawthorne Environmental Commission and Hawthorne School System. Discussed the Low Carbon Diet book donation to the school system at the upcoming BOE meeting on January 20, 2009.
b. NEXT STEPS:
    i. Investigate Green prizes for the contest – Krista Rambala, and Renee Buchanan
    ii. Students participating from St. Anthony's - Krista Rambala, and Renee Buchanan

X. **Next Meeting Thursday February 12, 2009**