Environmental Commission Minutes October 9, 2008

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Stacey Fiorina, Rosanne Zagatta, Pat Hutzelman,
Guest: Mary Mahon, Krista Rambala, Renee Buchanan, George Cortesi, Jean Collins

I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes –September 2008
Motion by Stacey Fiorina, Second by Patricia Hutzelman

II. Water Report Update – August 2008 – Reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards.

III. ANJEC Environmental Award 2008/ Environmental Congress – Congress was excellent. The Environmental Commission received the 2008 ANJEC Environmental Achievement Award. Lots of ideas for Cel-Earth-Bration 2009

   i. Low Carbon Diet – A 30 Day Program to Lose 5,000 Pounds – Save Money, Save Energy, Save the Planet! Be Part of the Global Warming Solution – Discussed the purchase of books for the Hawthorne School System, St. Anthony's, Hawthorne Christian Academy, and Hawthorne Library. Book is $12.95. Stacey will follow-up with purchasing the book.
   ii. Chatham NJ - Back2Tap Program – Recommend stainless steel over plastic or aluminum bottles, eliminate disposable plastic bottles. Environmental Commission is interested in having the Back2Tap presentation at Cel-Earth-Bration 2009. Stacey will follow-up with Back2Tap organization on the details.

IV. Status Update 2004 Passaic County Open Space Grant – Waiting for Bob on pricing for trail signs.

   a. Krista and Renee put together a power point presentation and booklet on the Birds in the 8 Acre Woods. Excellent job! Will put some of the booklet information on the birds in the power point presentation. Discussion about putting together a book on Birds in the 8 Acre Woods to distribute to the school system. Krista and Renee will follow-up with their teacher in school.

V. ANJEC Workshop October 30, 2008 Elements of Sustainability – Greening Your Master Plan and Ordinances – 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm Highland Park Borough Hall 221 South 5th Avenue Highland Park, NJ - All commissioners are encouraged to attend the meeting. Rayna will be attending the workshop.

VI. Environmental Commission 2009 Budget – Discussed the proposed budget for 2009 and will submit to Eric Maurer by October 15, 2008.

VII. Thank You Article/Press Release about Ribbon Cutting Event – Rosanne developed the press release. Commission reviewed and approved the press release. Press release will be sent to Hawthorne Press and Hawthorne Gazette.

VIII. Status Update Pan Chemical – Rayna electronically submitted a request to the NJDEP for public records on Pan Chemical. Requested preliminary site assessment, remedial investigation, remedial action workplan reports, correspondence between owner and NJDEP. Waiting for response from NJDEP.

IX. Report from Planning Board – No new issues reported.

X. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps

   a. Black Diamonds Saturday October 11 and 18, 2008 Channel 76 – Coal Mining Program- West Virginia

b. Cel-Earth-Bration 17th Annual Event – Discussion about theme – "Green the Environment" theme
    i. Discussed to purchase 50 bottles from Back2tap program
    ii. Compact Light bulbs and low flow shower heads to distribute to participants – Rosanne will follow up with pricing.
    iii. Recycling Contest – revolving around "Green Projects" – examples in the Low Carbon Diet; Need to develop the criteria for contest

XI. Next Meeting Thursday November 13, 2008 – **Propose Wednesday November 12, 2008 for Environmental Commission Meeting, instead of Nov. 13, 2008.**