



Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes July 16, 2015

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Mike Mariani, and Robert Meier
Guests: Mary Mahon, Pat MacDonnell, Ed McGuirk, and Barbara McGuirk

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission & Annual June Environmental Program Minutes – June 8, 2015 – Moved to the August 13, 2015 meeting
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports May 2015 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards
- III. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report
 - a. 204 Wagaraw Road, LLC Rivergate of Hawthorne, (Block 12, Lot 8 and Block 13.01, Lot 10) Application seeking preliminary & final site plan approval along with use and bulk variance relief to develop the properties in question for a mixed use development. The Applicant proposes a total of 244 residential units, 6,000 square feet of retail and 4,000 square feet of office space in the B3 Zone
 - i. Monday June 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm – Continuation of Rivergate’s Planner – Commission, Chair, presented/testified the Environmental Commission report, to the Zoning Board; Commission submitted the environmental report dated June 12, 2015
 - ii. Monday July 20, 2015 at 6:45 pm – Continuation of Rivergate’s Planner, Hawthorne’s Planner, and Cross Examined by Kohler’s Attorney – Encourage commissioners and green team members to attend
- IV. Planning Board Report – No update provided to the Commission
- V. Acceptance of Green Team Minutes – June 22, 2015 - Approved
- VI. Where’s Waldo – Buy Local Campaign – Month of July (July 1 to 31, 2015)
 - a. Sponsored by: Well Read, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, and Hawthorne Green Team
 - b. List of Participating Stores – 24 Retailers
 - c. Distribution of Where’s Waldo materials – Thank You to Pat, Barbara and Mary for distributing Where’s Waldo materials
 - d. Collect Prizes from businesses – Green Team are not needed to pick up prizes from the businesses. Chamber is handling this.
 - e. Publicity – Press Releases – Well Read
 - f. Publicity – Ad – Hawthorne Press – Green Team
 - g. Wednesday July 31, 2015 Waldo Party – Celebration at Well Read at 6:30 pm – Encourage everyone to attend the celebration!

- VII. Green Fair at the Farmer's Market Sunday September 20, 2015 Raindate Sunday October 4, 2015
- a. Time of Event 9 am to 2 pm; set-up 8:00 am
 - b. Men of Horse Band – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm with (2) 15 minute breaks – Mike will contact the band.
 - c. Discuss Potential Vendors
 - i. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/water conservation booth
 - ii. Barbara McGuirk – native plants and Monarch Butterfly - Confirmed
 - iii. Passaic County Open Space Kathleen – Unable to attend/participate at Green Fair
 - iv. Hawthorne Recycling
 - v. Well Read Bookstore – booth and author speaking
 - vi. Shotmeyer Bros Fuel Co./Solar Company
 - vii. Composting Demonstration – Mary Mahon – No; potentially having a booth to sale pottery
 - viii. Hawthorne Garden Club
 - ix. Flo's Market - Confirmed
 - x. Cuban Flavor Café - Confirmed
 - xi. Pandora Healing
 - xii. Habitat for Humanity – Reuse Store – Hazel
 - xiii. Goffle Brook Farm –
 - xiv. Passaic County 4-H Club
 - xv. Rocky's Pet Pantry
 - xvi. Knead-U-Need
 - xvii. NJ Clean Energy Program – Promote programs
 - xviii. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Rain Garden
 - xix. Electric Bicycle – Volvo
 - xx. Food Bank – “New Hope”
 - xxi. Hawthorne Food Bank
 - xxii. Bergen Audubon – Barbara McGuirk will request
 - xxiii. City Green – Rayna will make a request
 - xxiv. Viridian Energy –
 - xxv. Glen Rock Bike Shop/ AAA Bike Safety – Rosanne Zagatta
 - xxvi. Hawthorne School of Dance – Rosanne Zagatta
 - xxvii. TechinArt – Rayna will contact
 - xxviii. Hybrid – Car Dealerships – Potential contact at PSE&G - Rayna
 - d. Tables and Chairs for event – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Ellen- tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs)
 - e. Press Release – include a statement about “bring blanket/chair for Green Fair
- VIII. Community Garden 2015 - Harvest Celebration – Hawthorne Ambulance Corp building – Proposed Date August 22, 2015 – Booked/Confirmed
- IX. Milkweed Project/Butterfly Garden - Barbara McGuirk - Hawthorne Library property; Butterfly Garden – Propose native plants – Purchased for the garden (\$89.48); In the process of submitting the Monarch Butterfly Watch Certification;
- X. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- i. Goffle Brook Park – Update – Downes is watering the plants and water bags installed. Freeholders agree to plant milkweed plants at the Park to attract the monarch butterfly
 - ii. Community Garden – Graffiti on the inside of the wooden gate
 - iii. Concerned Citizens – Lead Based Paint Education Awareness; Need to educate the community and residents about lead based paint; Recent neighbor sanding

cedar shakes that were tested for lead; paint contractor did not properly conduct the work; Commission will look into the topic of lead based paint.

Environmental Commission Meeting
August 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building

Green Team Meeting
August 24, 2015 at 7:30 pm
Hawthorne Library