



Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes May 14, 2015

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, MaryLou DiMattia, and Robert Meier
Guests: Molly Sher, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Barbara and Edward McGuirk, and Carol Robertson

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission Minutes –April 9, 2015, 2015 – Moved to June meeting
- II. Attendance and Acceptance of Hawthorne Green Team Minutes – April 27, 2015 – Reviewed and approved
- III. Hawthorne Water Reports –March 2015 and April reports – Follow-Up Utter Avenue Treated Well; E-mail dated May 6, 2015 from Mr. Ron Gonzalez indicated the lab provided the incorrect lab report dated March 24, 2015. The March 24, 2015 report indicates tetrachlorethene as Non-Detected, which is below drinking water standards. The correct lab report was submitted to the NJDEP. This was confirmed by Ron Gonzalez, DPW Superintendent.
- IV. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - i. Community Garden 2015 Discussion
 - a. Purchased 4 x 12 raised garden bed/Tentatively Date for Installation – Status Update (mid- May 2015)
 - b. Schedule and purchase Compost Topsoil (team agreed Downes Tree Service),
 - c. Purchase Ordered Approved - hay bales (Braen Supply); Waiting for delivery date
 - d. Purchased water hose (Rayna)
 - e. Need to Purchase flags, and extra keys
 - f. Fence Discussion – Jack Systma - Anchor Fence. DPW issuing Purchase Orders. Need to purchase black ties for the installation of the fence. ; Mary Mahon offered to pick up the fence instead of Anchor delivering the fence. Mary will work with Maureen Cook, DPW for delivery arrangements.
 - g. Bulletin Board Update – Completely built; will be installed prior to the 2nd Grand Opening event Saturday May 30, 2015
 - h. 2nd Grand Opening Saturday May 30, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Garden; Press Release/ Advertisement/ Website/ Facebook/ Invitations; Light Refreshments (Flo’s Market) – Rayna will prepare the press release and Hazel/Molly will post on our Facebook pages.
 - i. Discussed alternative rabbit deterrent – Eco-Safe product found out Roshler’s in Allendale; Liquid Fence for deer and rabbit repellent; Ready-To-Use 1 gallon made by United Industries Corp.
 - i. City Green Dig 1st Annual Community Garden Conference Saturday May 16, 2015 Register on City Green Website; Doors open at 9:30 am; Conference Begins at 10:00 am Sharp – Encourage members to attend

- ii. Community Garden Picnic Days – Team discussed having a community garden party/celebration at the Garden/Goffle Brook Park. Across the street – Goffle Brook Park has charcoal grills and picnic tables. Pat MacDonnell will look into finding the process of a Park Permit from the County. Potential Dates Discussed Sunday June 14, 2015; Discussed the use of the Ambulance Corp building instead of the Park;
 - ii. **Green Lecture** –May 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Organic Pest Management and Vegetable Gardening” – 11 people participated; It went well
 - iii. **Milkweed Project** - Purchase milkweed plants to be planted in the 8 Acre Woods and Hawthorne Library property; Total Budget is \$200
 - i. Potential Partnership – Boys Scouts to jointly plant the milkweed plants in the 8 Acre Woods. – Barbara has reached out to Steve.
 - ii. Sometime in June 2015 timeframe; Purchased 12 Milkweed Plants at Metro Plant on Route 17 in Paramus (\$125); Pat MacDonald, Carol Robertson, and Barbara will set-up date and time to plant the milkweed at the Library; Rayna will communicate to the Library Director about the Enhancements at the Rain Garden with our Butterfly Garden
 - iii. Clean-Up the 8 Acre Woods
 - iv. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday June 22, 2015**
- V. 23rd Annual Cel-Earth-Bration – Saturday April 18, 2015 Hawthorne High School 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; Dedicate the 23rd Annual in Memory of Pat Hutzelman
 - i. Cel-Earth-Bration Re-Cap Discussion – Overall went well; Need to ensure that events are scheduled appropriately and started on time.
 - ii. Cel-Earth-Bration 2015 Budget – Please provide submit your invoices for payment to Rayna
 - 1. Rizzo Reptile (\$500) 2015 HEC Budget
 - 2. Hawthorne Press Ad
 - 3. Tattoos/Facepainting/Giveaways(prizes) – Rosanne Zagatta \$250
 - 4. Other Expenses
 - iii. Thank You Letters – Donors, Partners, etc. –Mary Mahon created a Thank You Note card for the donors and partners. She made additional Thank You Note cards for Barbara and team to distribute.
- VI. Annual June Environmental Program Monday
 - i. Monday June 8, 2015 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne High School Auditorium (need screen, video projector, electrical cords (power for laptop), podium, and microphone); Rosanne Zagatta is working with the School
 - ii. Environmental Recognition Nomination Form – Deadline Friday May 29, 2015; All applications should be mailed to: Hawthorne Environmental Commission: 445 Lafayette Ave, Hawthorne NJ, 07507, Attention: Rayna Laiosa, Environmental Commission Chair, or emailed to HawthorneEC@gmail.com. – Team decided it was too late to implement; Next year will advertise for nominations.
 - iii. Discussion on recognizing Citizens and local Businesses - Please think about “potential nominations of people and a green business” to Recognize at the June Environmental Program.
 - 1. Alex Clavijo
 - 2. Orrie Dubois
 - 3. Pat MacDonald – Dubois
 - 4. City Green
 - 5. Hawthorne Historical Railroad – Beautification project
 - 6. Potential Green Business – Sewing School, Home Supply, TD Bank, Van Dyke Nursing Home
 - iv. Powerpoint presentation – Cel-Earth-Bration and Shredding Event Highlights – Rayna will prepare

- v. Certificates – Need Mayor’s Vice-Chair, and Chair of the Environmental Commission signature; Rayna will follow-up with Rosanne and the Mayor
- VII. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report
- i. 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. Special Meeting Monday April 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm – New Amended Site Plans; Rayna testified at the meeting; Reiterated stormwater concerns, requested a revised stormwater management plan; Applicant suggested a meeting with the Commission to discuss the stormwater management plan; Commission agreed;
 - ii. Conference Call Discussion – Thursday April 30, 2015 – Boswell Engineering, Langan, and the Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Chair; Purpose of the conference call/meeting – sanitary sewer and addressing Boswell’s letter dated January 20, 2015 stormwater management concerns. The Commission reiterated our stormwater management and flooding concerns, wetlands, and site remediation; The Applicant agreed at the end of the call to re-submit the stormwater management plan and drawings. The Commission will be preparing a report for the Zoning Board after the Applicant testifies at the next meeting, May 18, 2015.
 - iii. Monday May 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm – Rivergate’s Planner – Encourage members to attend the meeting.
- VIII. Planning Board Report
- i. Royal Realty LLC – The applicant has adjourn the application.
- IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- i. Environmental Film Festival on “Food Waste” – Week of the Green Fair in September 2015- Robert Meier
 - ii. Farmer’s Market – Commission/Green Team – have a booth on “Ways to Green Hawthorne” – Sub-team – Mary Mahon, Barbara McGuirk, and Molly Sher – develop of list of ideas

**Environmental Commission Meeting
June 8, 2015 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**