



Environmental Commission Minutes February 9, 2012

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Robert Maggio, Rosanne Zagatta, and Mike Mariani, and Dominic Mele

Guests: Doug Morgan, Ellen Brogno, Cindy Frank, Mark Robinson

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes –January’s 2011
Motion by: Robert Maggio, Second by: Rosanne Zagatta
- II. Water Results Update – January 2012 water report was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards
- III. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Anti-Idling Campaign
 - b. Green Challenge– “Conserve Water...Preserve Life” Pledge
 - c. Energy Audit – Hawthorne Library
 - d. Green Map
 - e. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday February 27, 2012 at 7:30 pm at Hawthorne Library**
- IV. Environmental Grants
 - a. PSEG Foundation & ANJEE Offer \$45,000 in Sustainability Grants - Partnership Bolsters Environmental Education - Deadline March 15, 2012 – Provided information to Rosanne Zagatta to distribute to school systems
 - b. ANJEC 2012 Sustainable Land Use Planning Grants for Municipalities – Deadline March 30, 2012 – The team agreed that Hawthorne Environmental Commission will not prepare ANJEC 2012 grant application.
- V. Environmental Commission Events/Conferences/Meetings – Encourage Commissioners to Participate in the below activities:
 - a. Vibrant Communities and Urban Forests: Mapping a Strategy to Save our Trees Wednesday February 15, 2012 7:00 - 9:30 PM Glen Rock Municipal Building – Encourage all commissioners to attend the meeting. Cindy Frank and Rayna Laiosa will be attending the meeting.
 - b. Passaic County Energy & Sustainability Master Plan Task Force –Next meeting March 5, 2012
 - c. NJLM Educational Foundation “Land Use Controls: Sustainable Energy Sources Present New Challenges” March 14, 2012 Mercer County College 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.
- VI. Cel-Earth-Bration 2012 20th Annual Event
 - a. Theme = Cel-Earth-Bration 20th Annual Event – Focus on the “Building a Green Future”
 - b. T-Shirt Contest Update – Received entries. Rayna will review and send the finalists to Mr.Mooney and Mayor Goldberg for final decision.

- c. School Use Application Form Submittal – Submitted for the February 28, 2021 BOE meeting.
- d. Teachers Representing the 5 schools – Rosanne will manage coordinating the teachers from the 5 schools.
- e. Letters to the Teachers about the Green Project Contest – Rosanne will manage the letters.
- f. Publicity – Press Releases, Posters for Advertisement -
- g. Certificates
- h. Prizes – Recycling Contest and Games - Rosanne and Pat
- i. Project Competition – Sign In Sheet of Participants
- j. Tables - Vendors, etc. –
 - i. Hawthorne Environmental Commission - Anti-Idling Booth and Hawthorne’s Green Map
 - ii. Sue Balik – Pollution in Factory Farming
 - iii. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Give-A-Ways (Recycling totes, vegetable seeds, pencils, tattoos, bracelets (300),
 - iv. Well Read Bookstore
 - v. Short Wave Radio – Not participating at the event
 - vi. Shadetree Commission
 - vii. Chevrolet Volt – Bob will follow-up with Hawthorne Chevrolet.
 - viii. Organic Landscaping Products – Cindy will contact Ridgewood Goffle Farms if they would like to participate at the event.
- k. Tattoos, sponges - Rosanne
- l. Face Painting – Pat
- m. Games – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club
- n. Recycling Craft Workshop - Rosanne
- o. Raffles – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club and Hawthorne Recycling Coordinator
- p. Judges -???
- q. Photography
- r. Pizza – Ellen Brogno
- s. Scrapbook – last 20 years articles – Hawthorne Press/Gazette
- t. Refreshments - Healthy Foods – Granola (no nuts), Banana Bread (no nuts), Hummus/pitas – whole wheat/whole grain, Fruit – Bananas apples, etc. Coffee, Rayna will contact Sharon The Whole Cookie for pricing for healthy foods
- u. Special Invitations (Council, BOE, Brad Lakefield, Jack Burchill, Rich Pardi, Mike Sebetich, Mary Ellen Lyons, and Fred Criscitelli) – Mike Mariani will design invitations
- v. Giveaways, etc
 - i. Earth cookies – Doug Morgan and Ellen Brogno
 - ii. Dog tags (300) – Rosanne
 - iii. Key chains - No
 - iv. Magnets - No
 - v. Stress balls - Rosanne
 - vi. Pedometers – Environmental Commission received in January 2012
 - vii. Sweat bands – Rosanne
 - viii. Bike reflectors – Environmental Commission received in February 2012

VII. Report from Planning Board - No updates were provided to Commission.

VIII. Report from Zoning Board

- a. Patriot Development Monday March 19, 2012 Hearing – Revised Plans January 2012; Updated Environmental Impact Statement and Geotechnical Report dated December 2011 – Encourage Commissioners to attend the meeting. The Environmental Commission is preparing testimony for the Patriot Development meeting in March.

- IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
 - a. Letter of Support – Borough of Hawthorne Green Acres – Commissioners reviewed letter of support and approved the letter. Question concerning contamination from the Passaic River from the flooding on the residential homes. Response from Borough Administration – lime is utilized on the Wagaraw ballfields to address the contamination from the flooding of the Passaic River.

- X. **Next Meeting March 8, 2012 at 7:30 pm**