



## Environmental Commission Minutes

March 13, 2014

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Lisa Szegedi, Robert Maggio, Robert Meier, Pat Hutzelman, Mike Mariani, and Hazel Pinos

Guests: Mary Mahon, Ellen Brogno, and Cindy Frank

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission Minutes –February 2014  
Motion by: Robert Maggio, Second by: Mike Mariani
- II. ANJEC
  - a. Municipal Action Needed: Ask NJDEP to Restore the Recreational Trails Grant Program – Commission agreed to prepare and submit a letter urging NJDEP to restore the recreational trails grant.
- III. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
  - a. Community Garden
    - i. Green Grant Maximum \$2,500 with 10% (\$250) match or in-kind donations; Deadline Friday February 28, 2014
    - ii. Tentative Scheduled a meeting with Borough – Monday March 17, 2014 at 6:00 pm; Moved to March 25, 2014 at 4:30 pm
  - b. Buy Local Campaign Programs –Chamber of Commerce is handling the Hop the Shop for the month of April.
  - c. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday March 24, 2014 at 7:30 pm at Hawthorne Library**
- IV. Cel-Earth-Bration XXII Saturday April 26, 2014 – Lincoln Middle School
  - a. Theme = Cel-Earth-Bration 22nd Annual Event – “A Greener Path to a Healthy You!” – Focus on wellness, community garden – food,
  - b. School Use Application – Cafeteria, gym and playground requested – Will be approved at the March 18, 2014 BOE meeting
  - c. T-Shirt Contest – Robert Meier will follow-up with School; Deadline March 31, 2014
  - d. Teachers Representing the 5 schools – Rosanne
  - e. Letters to the Teachers about the Green Project Contest - Rosanne
  - f. Publicity – Press Releases, Posters for Advertisement, Facebook, Patch, Borough Website Rayna/Hazel
  - g. Certificates
  - h. Prizes – Recycling Contest and Games
  - i. Project Competition – Sign In Sheet of Participants
  - j. Tattoos, sponges
  - k. Face Painting – Provided by Maria’s Party Planner
  - l. Games – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club
  - m. Recycling Craft Workshop - Replaced with Making Flower Bombs by Mary Mahon; Request plastic tableclothes
  - n. Raffles – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club and Hawthorne Recycling Coordinator
  - o. Judges -???

- p. Photography
  - q. Pizza – Ellen Brogno
  - r. Refreshments
  - s. Potential Vendors/Activities –
    - i. Rizzo Reptiles – Booked
    - ii. Well Read Bookstore – Booked
    - iii. Flo’s Market - Booked;
    - iv. Hawthorne Police – Bike Safety – Booked
    - v. Eat Healthy Cooking – Grilling vegetables – salad; - No
    - vi. Hazel’s friend – Carmine - Fruit Kabobs – Unable to attend the event
    - vii. Hazel – Will research/contact for a nutritious person, healthy food educator
    - viii. Rosanne – Pomptonian Food Service – School Healthy Food in Hawthorne School System – Booked
    - ix. Gardening/Composting – Amy Rowe/Mary Mahon – No
    - x. Fruit Connection LLC – Booked
  - t. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Ellen Brogno
    - i. Bags with Hawthorne Logo
    - ii. Giveaways – crayons/coloring books, recycled tire bookmark, spoon, and band bracelets
  - u. 1<sup>st</sup> HEC Trashion Show – 12:00 Noon – Residents of all ages can participate in the challenge which is to create wearable outfits using junk and other discarded items. Hazel is the lead. –
    - i. Discussed potential judges – Sharon Abood Whims & Wishes, new Glen Rock retailer owner, LMS teacher
    - ii. Prizes from White Shauger, Bottagra, Home Improvement, and local Mortgage Company
  - v. Special Invitations
  - w. Giveaways, etc – “Dirt Bombs – wild flowers seeds created by participants.
  - x. Schedule of Events
    - i. Rizzo Reptiles – 10:30 to 11:15 am and 11:45 to 12:30 pm; Rayna send invoice to Ellen Brogno
    - ii. ~~Storytime – 11:15 to 11:45 am~~
    - iii. ~~Fruit Display/Educator Slot – 11:45 am to 12:30 pm – No~~
    - iv. Trashion Show – 12:30 to 1:30 pm. participants arrive at 12:00 pm
    - v. Award Ceremony – 1:30 pm
    - vi. Tree Seedling – 10 am to 2:00 pm
- V. Report from Planning Board
- a. Application of John Hryncewich – 53 Braen Avenue & 7 Sotnick Street – Subdivision Plan – Next Hearing Tuesday February 18, 2014 at 7:30 pm – Environmental Commission, Chair, spoke and provided testimony to the application (based on our letter submitted to Planning Board)
- VI. Report from Zoning Board of Adjustment
- a. Christian Health Care Center –Monday February 10, 2014 at 7:00 pm; Next Meeting March 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm; Rayna and Lisa is preparing an environmental assessment of project for Zoning Board members and applicant’s attorney
- VII. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Arbor Day Friday April 25,, 2104 at 2:00 pm Jefferson School

**Next Meeting April 24, 2014 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building**