



Environmental Commission Minutes May 8, 2014

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

Guests: Mary Mahon

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission Minutes –April 2014
Motion by: Bob Maggio, Second by: Robert Meier
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – Will be discussed at next meeting
- III. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Community Garden
 - i. Update on Community Gardeners Registered – One (1) 4 x 8 remaining; Last raised bed taken on May 7, 2014 – All beds are assigned!
 - ii. Building of the Community Garden
 1. Saturday May 10, 2014 – Anchor Fence installation; Meeting held on May 7, 2014 with Bob Maggio, Mike Mariani, Bob Scully, and Anchor met and discussed the fence layout and installation for Saturday.
 2. Week of May 12, 2014 – Installation of the Water line – DPW (Robert Scully) and purchase a pad lock with 30 keys (Bob Maggio; Gardeners, Environmental Commissioners, and DPW Bob Scully)
 3. Natural Buffer between 9-11 Memorial and Community Garden – Rayna discuss with Mayor at the Grand Opening
 - iii. Grand Opening of the Community Garden – Saturday May 17, 2014 at 10:00 am; Rain Date Sunday May 18, 2014 at 10:00 am
 1. Green Lecture – “Gardening Basics” by Jack Sytsma, Master Gardener and Green Team Member
 2. Gardeners will select their raised beds by their order of receiving their application for a bed.
 - iv. Publicity – Flyer, Advertisement, Press Release, Channel 77, Facebook, and Borough Website – Rayna & Hazel will handle the publicity
 - v. Letter Invitation – Borough Council and Administration, Passaic County Freeholders, Downes Tree Service, Troop 93 Steve Fitzsimmons, and City Green – Molly Sher
 - vi. Light Refreshments – Served by Flo’s Market - Rayna
 - vii. Green Lecture on June 17, 2014 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library; back-up Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room – Molly Sher is coordinating the Lecture. Molly will create a press release and Hazel will create a flyer.
 - b. **Next Green Team Meeting TBD for the month of May 2014**
- IV. Cel-Earth-Bratton XXII Saturday April 26, 2014 – Lincoln Middle School
 - a. Theme = Cel-Earth-Bratton 22nd Annual Event – “A Greener Path to a Healthy You!” – Focus on wellness, community garden – food,

- b. 1st HEC Trashion Show – Excellent job by Hazel!
 - c. 2015 event at the Lincoln Middle School – Discussed pros and cons of the event at the Middle School.
- V. Annual June Environmental Program
- a. Monday June 9, 2014 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne High School Auditorium (need screen, electrical cords (power for laptop), podium, and microphone)
 - b. Environmental Recognition Nomination Form – Deadline Friday May 23, 2104; 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.
 - c. Discussion on recognizing Citizens and local Businesses – Paul’s Volvo, Ellen Brogno, Steve Fitzsimmons Troop 30, Robert Scully, Kevin Downes
 - d. Powerpoint presentation – Rayna Laiosa
 - e. Certificates – Need Mayor’s Vice-Chair, and Chair of the Environmental Commission signature – Rayna will distribute certificates for signature
 - f. Publicity – Press Release, Facebook, Borough Website, and Channel 77 – Rosanne Zagatta
 - g. Invitations – BOE, Mayor and Council – Rosanne Zagatta
- VI. Report from Planning Board
- a. Application of John Hryncewich – 53 Braen Avenue & 7 Sotnick Street – Subdivision Plan – Next Hearing was Tuesday April 15 at 7:30 pm - Postponed TBD
- VII. Report from Zoning Board of Adjustment
- a. Christian Health Care Center –April 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm; Next Meeting Monday June 30, 2014 at 7:00 pm; Hawthorne Environemtnal Commission will be presenting our comments dated April 8, 2014
- VIII. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Congress Mills – crater is enlarging along the Goffle Road; sidewalks are deteriorating, continue to park cars on the sidewalks
 - b. Pan Chemical – Paint are buildings are deteriorating

**Next Meeting June 9, 2014 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**