



Environmental Commission Minutes October 17, 2013

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

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes – August and September 2013
Motion by: Hazel Pinos, Second by: Mike Mariani
- II. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Green Fair – September 15, 2013
 - b. Hawthorne Library – Energy Audit – Lime Energy – Direct Install Program
 - c. Community Garden – Discuss proposed sub-committee meeting on November: 5, 6, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, and 26, 2013 at Hawthorne Library – Agreed November 25, 2013 works best; Entire Green Team meeting will be dedicated to the discussion of the Community Garden; Robert will send information on raised beds and Mike will investigate plastic fencing.
 - d. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday October 28, at 7:30 pm at Hawthorne Library**
- III. Sustainable Jersey Program
 - a. Sustainable Jersey Walmart Grant – Borough of Hawthorne awarded \$2,000
 - b. Re-Certification Status Update – No announcement yet from Sustainable Jersey
 - c. Actions to be Completed – Will be moved to the 2014 project plan
 - i. Lead Education and Outreach Program – Rosanne Zagatta
 - ii. Community/School Garden – Rayna Laiosa
 - iii. Caring for Easement Inventory – Cindy Frank
 - d. Sustainable Luncheon Tuesday November 19, 2013 Atlantic City – If you would like to attend, contact Rayna for further information.
- IV. Hawthorne Day – Saturday October 5, 2013 – Overall, good turnout.
- V. Borough Council Meeting – Wednesday October 16, 2013
 - a. Open Public Workshop on Possible Re-Zoning of Two Areas of the Borough – Southern End of Town along Wagaraw Road and Northern End of Town along Goffle Road – Rayna raised questions about green infrastructure and energy efficiency lighting to the discussion.
- VI. Report from Planning Board
 - a. Application of John Hryncewich – 53 Braen Avenue & 7 Sotnick Street – Subdivision Plan – Hearing Tuesday November 26, 2013 at 7:30 pm – Reviewed the plans with the Commission members. Lisa and Rayna are in the process of developing comments to be submitted to the Planning Board.
 - b. Old Business: TJM Properties LLC (aka. Congress Mills) 85 Wagaraw Road – Structural Report and Property Maintenance Issues

- VII. Report from Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - a. Christian Health Care Center – Monday October 21, 2013 and will continue on the 3rd Monday of each month. Encourage Commissioners to attend the meeting. The Environmental Commission will be reviewing and preparing comments for the Zoning Board.

- VIII. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
 - a. 40th Annual ANJEC Environmental Congress Saturday October 19, 2013 Middlesex County College, Edison NJ 8:15 am to 3:30 pm – Rayna will be attending the ANJEC Environmental Congress.
 - b. 2014 Community Calendar – Rosanne provided Environmental Commission/Green Team meetings/events to Ellen Brogno and Charlene Elvin

**Next Meeting November 14, 2013 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**