



## **Environmental Commission Minutes August 13, 2015**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Robert Meier, Mike Mariani, and Hazel Pinos  
Guests: Pat MacDonnell, Ed McGuirk, Barbara McGuirk, and Cindy Frank

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission & Annual June Environmental Program Minutes – June 8, 2015 and Environmental Commission/Green Meeting Minutes - July 16, 2015 – Moved to the September 2015 meeting
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – No reports discussed at meeting
- III. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report
  - a. 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. Monday July 20, 2015 at 6:45 pm – Continuation of Rivergate’s Planner, Hawthorne’s Planner, and Cross Examined by Kohler’s Attorney
    - ii. Monday August 17, 2015 at 6:45 pm Continuation Cross Examined by Kohler’s Attorney/ Expert Planner – Meeting is cancelled for August; next meeting Monday September 21, 2015
- IV. Planning Board Report – No reports reported
- V. Where’s Waldo – Buy Local Campaign – Month of July (July 1 to 31, 2015)
  - a. Sponsored by: Well Read, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, and Hawthorne Green Team
  - b. List of Participating Stores – 24 Retailers
  - c. Wednesday July 31, 2015 Waldo Party – Celebration at Well Read at 6:30 pm – Encourage everyone to attend the celebration! – It went well.
- VI. Green Fair at the Farmer’s Market Sunday September 20, 2015 Raindate Sunday October 4, 2015
  - a. Time of Event 9 am to 2 pm; set-up 8:00 am
  - b. Men of Horse Band – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm with (2) 15 minute breaks – Mike will contact the band. – Confirmed \$350
  - c. Discuss Potential Vendors
    - i. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/water conservation booth – Rayna will contact Amy
    - ii. Barbara McGuirk – native plants and Monarch Butterfly - Confirmed
    - iii. Hawthorne Recycling – Pat MacDonnell
    - iv. Well Read Bookstore – booth and author speaking – Rayna will contact Bill
    - v. Shotmeyer Bros Fuel Co./Solar Company – Team discussed not this year

- vi. Pottery – Mary Mahon
- vii. Hawthorne Garden Club – Pat will contact Pat Wonder
- viii. Flo’s Market - Confirmed
- ix. Cuban Flavor Café - Confirmed
- x. Pandora Healing – Cindy will contact Jason
- xi. Habitat for Humanity – Reuse Store – Hazel – Team discussed not this year
- xii. Goffle Brook Farm – Cindy will contact Donna; Potentially request donation for seeds
- xiii. Passaic County 4-H Club – Rayna will contact Amy Rowe.
- xiv. Rocky’s Pet Pantry – Cindy will contact Dee
- xv. Knead-U-Need – Rayna will contact Sam
- xvi. NJ Clean Energy Program – Promote programs – Hazel will contact them to get any “new” materials
- xvii. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Rain Garden, butterfly garden at the library - Confirmed
- xviii. Food Bank – “New Hope” – Hazel will contact them
- xix. Hawthorne Food Bank – Team discussed not this year
- xx. Bergen Audubon – Barbara McGuirk will request – Unable to attend the event
- xxi. City Green – Rayna will make a request; Unable to attend the event
- xxii. Viridian Energy – Hazel will contact Rick
- xxiii. Glen Rock Bike Shop/ AAA Bike Safety – Rosanne Zagatta
- xxiv. Hawthorne School of Dance – Rosanne Zagatta - Confirmed
- xxv. TechinArt – Rayna will contact
- xxvi. Hybrid – Car Dealerships – Potential contact at PSE&G – Rayna
- xxvii. The Learning Tree – Confirmed
- xxviii. Paula Tutein – Booth on Coaching for Life – Opening Insights, LLC - Confirmed
- xxix. Green Living Solutions – Confirmed
- xxx. Hawthorne Board of Health – Health awareness and immunization - Rayna will contact Borough’s Nurse to request their participation
- d. Tables and Chairs for event – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Ellen- tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs); Barbara will contact Monica if we are able to have the tables delivered to the library the Friday before the event.
- e. Press Release – include a statement about “bring blanket/chair for Green Fair – Not this year; no need to bring blanket/chair to the event; since last year 2014 new layout of the Green Fair

VII. Community Garden 2015 - Harvest Celebration – Hawthorne Ambulance Corp building – Saturday August 22, 2015 – Booked/Confirmed;

- i. Follow-up on Gardeners participating at the Harvest Celebration;
- ii. Pat will contact Peggy Weber, Molly, Brian C, Diana R, Richard R
- iii. Hazel will contact Alex and Vic T.
- iv. Rayna will contact Mike S, Jackie R, and Larry Aliberto

VIII. Milkweed Project/Butterfly Garden - Barbara McGuirk - Hawthorne Library property; Submitted Monarch Butterfly Watch Certification; Waiting for the Monarch Watch sign

- i. Rayna will contact Joe Meltzer about expanding the sprinkler system to the butterfly garden area; also discussed mulch to be installed at the butterfly garden
- ii. Potential Grant Opportunities – Sandy Betty Grant ANJEC; It appears this grant is not a matching grant. Barbara will review ANJEC’s website for information about this grant.

IX. Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 26, 2015

- i. Need to submit Environmental Commission/Green Team application – 2 hour shifts for the event – need volunteers
- X. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- i. EPA Region 7 – Increase Lead Paint Inspections (St. Louis) area
  - ii. Discussed September meeting to be a joint meeting between the Commission and Green Team – September 17, 2015

**Environmental Commission/Green Team Meeting  
September 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building**