



**Environmental Commission
Minutes
January 8, 2015**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Mike Mariani, Pat Hutzelman, and Hazel Pinos

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission-Green Team Minutes – December 11, 2014
Motion by: Mike Mariani, Second by: Pat Hutzelman

- II. 2015 Environmental Commission Meeting Dates – Reviewed and Approved

January 8, 2015
February 12, 2015
March 12, 2015
April 16, 2015
May 14, 2015
June 8, 2015 – Annual Environmental Program
July 9, 2015
August 13, 2015
September 10, 2015
October 8, 2015
November 12, 2015
December 10, 2015

- III. 2015 Green Team Meeting Dates –Reviewed and Approved

January 26, 2015
February 23, 2015
March 23, 2015
April 27, 2015
May 18, 2015
June 22, 2015
July 27, 2015
August 24, 2015
September 28, 2015
October 26, 2015
November 23, 2015
December 10, 2015

- IV. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. **Community Garden**
 - i. Community Garden Sign – Donated by Alex Clavijo; Will be conducting a 2nd Grand Opening Ceremony with the new Sign in the Spring 2015.
 - ii. Community Garden 2015 Update – Will update and post 2015 Community Garden application, rules/regulations, and disclaimer on Borough’s website
 - iii. City Green Dig In Grant Program – 2015 Spring Cycle; **Deadline January 30, 2015** (Technical Assistance Session: December 11, 2014 at 6 pm and January 15, 2015 at 6 pm); Team agreed that we, Green Team, should submit an application; Preliminary budget: 4 x 12 garden bed, topsoil, hay bales, and roll of fencing; Rayna will prepare the Resolution for Council’s approval.
 - b. **Green Lecture**– March 10, 2015 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Basic Gardening” – Pre-planting, soil preparation, and vegetable gardening
 - c. **Green Lecture** –May 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Organic Pest Management”
 - d. **Next Green Team Meeting January 26, 2015**

- V. Fair Lawn Green Fair – Wednesday March 4, 2015 – Ask Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team to participate at the event – Booth – Agreed; Pat Hutzelman will be the lead for the event. Focus of the booth: Green Map, Buy Local Campaign, Rain Garden, and Community Garden; Pat will pick up the supplies from Rayna prior to the event.

- VI. Sustainable Jersey Updates
 - a. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program On-Line Application – Deadline February 1, 2015 – Rayna will be preparing the grant submittal and resolution for Council’s approval.

- VII. 23rd Annual Cel-Earth-Bratton – Saturday April 18, 2015 Hawthorne High School
 - a. Theme = Cel-Earth-Bratton 23rd Annual Event – Brainstorm Ideas – Will finalize at the February meeting.
 - i. “Be Good Stewards of the Earth’s Environment”
 - ii. “Being an Environmental Steward”
 - iii. “Being an Environmental Superhero Citizen”
 - b. T-Shirt Contest – Not this year.
 - c. Potential Vendors/Activities
 - i. Green Robot Zoo – Exhibition
 - ii. Bike Safety – Police Department
 - iii. Hawthorne School of Dance
 - iv. Rizzo Reptiles - Booked
 - d. Special Invitations
 - e. Giveaways, etc
 - f. Check School calendar Date for HHS School Play –April 25, 2015

- VIII. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report
 - a. 233 Central Avenue Project – Monday **January 19, 2015** at 7:00 pm; Rayna prepared written comments to the project and submitted them on January 2, 2015.
 - b. 204 Wagaraw Road, LLC , Rivergate of Hawthorne, (Block 12, Lot 8 and Block 13.01, Lot 10) Set a hearing date for **January 19, 2015** for the 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

- IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Hazel Idea - Earth Hour Saturday March 28, 2015 at 8:30 am. Discussed having a press release in the Gazette and Hawthorne Press

**Environmental Commission Meeting
February 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**