



Environmental Commission Minutes March 12, 2015

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Robert Meier, and Hazel Pinos
Guests: Yvonne Humphries, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Maureen Cook, Ellen Brogno, Carol Robertson, Barbara McGuirk, and Ed McGuirk

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission Minutes –February 19, 2015
Motion by: Robert Meier, Second by: Rosanne Zagatta
- II. April Meeting Discussion (April 9, 2015 from April 16, 2015) – Team agreed to move meeting to **April 9, 2015**; Ellen Brogno will confirm the 2nd floor conference room is available
- III. Hawthorne Water Reports – November 2014 to February 2015 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards
- IV. Sustainable Jersey Update –
 - a. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program On-Line Application – Deadline February 1, 2015. Hawthorne Submitted; Received notification on March 12, 2015 that the Borough of Hawthorne did not receive the Small Grant of \$2,000.
- V. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. **Community Garden**
 - i. Community Garden 2015 Update –
 1. # of returned gardeners applications submitted to Borough – 10 Applications received; Need to send another friendly reminder
 2. # of new potential gardeners bidding on the two (2) 4 x 8 garden beds – 3 New Applications
 - ii. City Green Dig In Grant Program – Award Ceremony **Tuesday March 24, 2015 at 5:30** Passaic County Administration Building 401 Grand Street Paterson. – Pat MacDonnell, Rayna Laiosa, and Mike Mariani will be attending the Freeholder meeting.
 - b. **Green Lecture**– Jack Systma Lecturer March 10, 2015 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Basic Gardening” – Pre-planting, soil preparation, and vegetable gardening – It very well. A total of 12 people participated at the lecture.
 - c. **Green Lecture** –May 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Organic Pest Management”
 - d. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday March 23, 2015 – Decided to cancel the meeting due to the Zoning Board conflict. The April 9, 2015 meeting will be a joint meeting for the Environmental Commission/Green Team members.**
- VI. Fair Lawn Green Fair – Wednesday March 4, 2015 – Carol Roberston attended the green fair. Carol shared/discussed information (Garretson Forge & Farm, Green Living Solutions, Passaic River Watershed, Hackensack Riverkeeper, Bergen

Audubon Society, Stop the Pilgrim Pipeline) with the Commission/Green Team members.

- VII. 23rd Annual Cel-Earth-Bration – Saturday April 18, 2015 Hawthorne High School 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; Discussed to Dedicate the 23rd Annual in Memory of Pat Hutzelman; Team agreed
- a. Theme - Cel-Earth-Bration - “Friend the Earth”
 - b. “Earthie” Contest – Draw, Paint, or Take a Picture “ Show how/ what do you do for the Earth; Team agreed with the Rules of the Contest
 - c. Cel-Earth-Bration 2015 Budget –
 - i. Rizzo Reptile (\$500) 2015 HEC Budget
 - ii. Pizza (\$82.50) Borough’s Budget
 - iii. Press Ad (\$100) and Signs (\$155) Potentially shared with Borough
 - iv. Dirt Cake/Toxic Punch (\$100 – donated by Rosanne Zagatta to Scott Chrimel);
 - v. Granola (\$60 donated by HHS PTO to Scott Chrimel),
 - vi. T-Shirts (2014 total of 375 \$2,300); Propose (2015 total of 250 \$1,650); Maureen Cook is contacting Marc Molerano for assistance in donating the T-Shirts for 2015
 - vii. Tattoos/Facepainting/Giveways(prizes) – Rosanne Zagatta \$250
 - d. School Use Application – Rosanne submitted application to BOE.
 - e. Teachers Representing the 5 schools – Rosanne will be requests
 - f. Letters to the Teachers about the “Earthie” Contest - Reviewed and approved Rosanne’s letter
 - g. Publicity – Press Releases, Posters for Advertisement, Facebook, Patch, Borough Website Rayna/Hazel
 - h. Certificates – None for Earthie contest
 - i. Certificate – Green Robot Zoo (signatures by Chair, Vice-Chair, and Mayor)
 - j. T-Shirt – Maureen Cook is working with Marc Molerano
 - k. Tattoos, sponges - Rosanne
 - l. Face Painting - Rosanne
 - m. Raffles – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club
 - n. Judges – Green Robot Zoo and Earthie Project
 - o. Judges – Trashion Show – Assemblyman Tim Eustace, Sharoon Abood, and Barbara Zakur
 - p. Photography -TBD
 - q. Pizza – Maureen Cook
 - r. Refreshments – HHS Ecology Club (Granola and Dirt Cake/Toxic Punch) Flo’s Market
 - s. Vendors/Booths
 - i. Bike Safety – Police Department – No
 - ii. Hawthorne School of Dance – Rosanne waiting for response
 - iii. Toxic Punch and Dirt Cake – Scott Chrimel – Rosanne Zagatta donated \$100 towards the ingredients
 - iv. Passaic River Institute Montclair University - Hazel waiting for response
 - v. HHS Ecology Club – Healthy Snacks - Granola – Scott Chrimel – HHS PTO donated \$60 towards the ingredients
 - vi. Middle School Ecology Club – Games – Confirmed; HEC will purchase the prizes
 - vii. Hawthorne Shadetree Commission - Confirmed
 - viii. Hawthorne Recycling - Confirmed
 - ix. Monarch Butterfly Informational table– Barbara McGuirk
 - x. Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team
 - xi. Well Read Bookstore – Pat MacDonnell will ask Bill Skees
 - xii. Viridian Energy – Confirmed
 - xiii. Garretson Forge & Farm – Carol Robertson will contact

- xiv. Bergen County Silent Fliers – Hazel confirmed
 - t. Activities
 - i. Green Robot Zoo – Exhibition Contest; On-line registration due April 11, 2015
 - ii. 2nd Trashion Show; On-line registration due April 15, 2015
 - iii. Rain Barrel Workshop – Rayna is working with Americorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassador Program, Rutgers, and Assemblyman Timothy J. Eustace, D. C.
 - iv. Rizzo Reptiles – Booked
 - v. Sewing School will be unable to conduct workshop; However, Stephane Tonnesen, local resident, will conduct the “Re-Purpose Clothes” workshop
 - vi. Butterfly Buddy Workshop – Mary Mahon
 - u. Schedule of Events – *Need to Make a Poster Mike Mariani*
 - i. Rain Barrel Workshop – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Room 111)
 - ii. Rizzo Reptiles – 11:00 am to 11:45 am and 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm (Room 120)
 - iii. 2nd Trashion Show –12:00 to 1:30 pm. participants arrive at 11:45 am (HHS Auditorium)
 - iv. Award Ceremony – 1:45 pm (HHS Auditorium)
 - v. Tree Seedling – 10:00 am to 1:45 pm (Inside the cafeteria)
 - v. Prizes for Games, Trashion, Green Robot Zoo, and “Earthie” Contests
 - i. Game Prizes – Rosanne Zagatta
 - ii. Mary Mahon will contact the following businesses: Sprinkles, Whims & Wishes (request to be a judge for Trashion show); Tastee Pizza, Chocolate Box
 - iii. Carol Robertson will contact Dunkin Donuts on Goffle Road adjacent to the former International Bakery
 - iv. Barbara McGuirk will contact the following businesses: Olson’s, Melcon’s, Pearl Paint, Wild Bird in Paramus, Dunkin Donuts (adjacent to Rt 208/Goffle Road)
 - v. Pat MacDonnell will contact the following businesses: Villa Rosa, Hot Diggity Dog, Well Read Bookstore, Gluten Free Bakery, Bogies, Dana’s Macaroon, and Red Pretzel Company
 - vi. Robert Meier will contact Flo’s Market (request to be a vendor at the event)
 - w. Special Invitations – Rosanne will communicate to BOE, Mayor, and Council members
 - x. Giveaways, etc – Borough is purchasing grocery bags, etc.
 - y. Thank You Poster – Need to Make a Poster - Mike Mariani
- VIII. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report – Encourage Commissioners and Green Team members to attend the Rivergate meeting
- 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. Special Meeting **Monday March 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm** – Planner
- IX. Planning Board Report – Encourage Commissioners and Green Team members to attend the Royal Realty meeting
- a. Royal Realty LLC – Meeting Tuesday April 7, 2015 7:30 pm; In process of reviewing the plans and prepared draft comment letter for Planning Board; Rayna will work with Lisa. Rayna requested additional information from the Planning attorney, steep slope analysis plan. The end of March, the Planning attorney

provided the steep slope analysis plan to the Commission. Waiting for Lisa to review draft letter and provide comments to the Chair.

- X. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
 - a. Hazel Idea - Earth Hour Saturday March 28, 2015 at 8:30 pm. Discussed having a press release in the Gazette and Hawthorne Press; Discussed having “Hawthorne’s Earth Hour” Saturday April 18, 2015 from 8:30 to 9:30 pm; Earth Hour 2015 Super Hero is “Spiderman” – Team agreed to no longer pursue this idea. Maybe next year’s project

**Environmental Commission Meeting Changed to
April 9, 2015 (from April 16, 2015) at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**