



**Environmental Commission-Green Team  
Minutes  
December 11, 2014**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Robert Meier, Pat Hutzelman, and Hazel Pinos  
 Guests: Pat MacDonnell, Carol Robertson, Barbara McGuirk, Ed McGuirk, Mary Mahon, Molly Sher

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission Minutes –November 13, 2014  
 Motion by: Hazel Pinos, Second by: Robert Meier
- II. Attendance and Acceptance of Green Team Minutes –November 24, 2014 -  
 Approved
- III. Hawthorne Water Reports – September to November 2014 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards
- IV. 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

- V. 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

- VI. Re-Cap of 2014 Accomplishments
  - a. Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team – Increased “Likes” to the Facebook Page
  - b. Rayna Laiosa – Sustainable Hero Month of March from Sustainable Jersey
  - c. Jefferson School – October 2014 – “Walk to School Day”
  - d. Farmer’s Market – Both the Commission and Green Team had a booth in July and August to promote environmental awareness and education
  - e. Hawthorne Day Participation
  - f. “Buy Local Campaign” ANJEC Environmental Achievement Honorable Mention Award to the Commission/Green Team
  - g. Awarded City Green Dig In Grant (\$2,500) and Sustainable Jersey Small Building Grant (\$2,000) to Implement Green Projects/Community Garden
  - h. Green Fair at the Farmer’s Market
  - i. Cel-Earth-Bration – New “Trashion” Show
  - j. Built and Launch Hawthorne’s Community Garden
  - k. Held Green Lectures – Vegetable Gardening and Organic Pest Management
  - l. Bookstore BINGO – Partnership with Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and Well Read Bookstore
  
- VII. 2015 Project Discussion
  - a. Green Lecture – March 10, 2015 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Basic Gardening” – Pre-planting, soil preparation, and vegetable gardening
  - b. Green Lecture – May 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library “Organic Pest Management”
  - c. Earth Day April 2015 –
  - d. Green Fair September 2015
  
- VIII. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
  - a. Community Garden
    - i. Community Garden Sign
    - ii. Community Garden 2015 Update
      - 1. Deposit money process – waiting from Administration
      - 2. Discussed Garden Work Days – Plant Marigolds,
      - 3. Bulletin Board – Wooden – Inside the Entrance Gate for gardeners to post notes/updates
      - 4. Name/Number Plates for each of the Garden Beds
      - 5. Update the 2015 Rules – add about weeding around your garden beds
    - 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 -
  - b. Next Green Team Meeting January 26, 2015**
  
- IX. Buy Local Campaign – Holiday Season
  - a. Distribution of Holiday Posters – A total of 78 businesses (45 businesses distributed) – Chamber of Commerce and Green Team members will distribute prior to Thanksgiving weekend
  - b. Publicity – Channel 77, Chamber’s website, Borough’s website,
  - c. Press Releases: Hawthorne Press and Gazette
  - d. Advertisement – Hawthorne Press and Gazette
  - e. Facebook Selfies #shopHawthorneNJ

- X. Fair Lawn Green Fair – March 4 or 11, 2015 – Ask Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team to participate at the event – Booth – Volunteers Carol Robertson, Robert Meier, Molly Sher, and Pat Hutzelman. Need to contact the Chair of the Fair Lawn Environmental Commission accepting to participate at their Green Fair in March 2015
  
- XI. Sustainable Jersey Updates
  - a. Sustainable Jersey for School – Certification Program – Discussed program and will distribute to School System in January 2015
  - b. Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program – Deadline February 1, 2015 – Discussed applying for a \$20,000 Grant for Roosevelt School “Environmental Center”; Commission/Green Team discussed that this was a not a Community project, only specific to one school in Hawthorne. Commission did not feel that this is a good idea to pursue for Roosevelt School. Commission/Green Team agreed to pursue a Small Building Grant application.
  
- XII. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report
  - a. 233 Central Avenue Project – Monday **December 15, 2014** at 7:00 pm – Discussed Environmental Commission’s comments to the Application
  - b. 204 Wagaraw Road, LLC , Rivergate of Hawthorne, (Block 12, Lot 8 and Block 13.01, Lot 10) Set a hearing date for **December 15, 2014** 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 – Discussed and Reviewed the Plans at meeting
  
- XIII. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
  - a. Roosevelt School – Environmental Educational Courtyard Improvements/Renovations – Rayna is working with the principal of Roosevelt School; reviewing a preliminary landscape architect design for the area.
    - i. Team raised questions about adequate sunlight and who will conduct the maintenance of the area
    - ii. Water/Ponds will attract ducks to the area.
    - iii. The Commission/Green Team can be utilized as advisors to the project, not pursuing grant money through the Sustainable Jersey Grant Program.
  - b. Christian Health Care Center – December 2014 at Wyckoff Zoning Board to revise their plans; Smaller footprint and combustible materials to be utilized (Hawthorne did not support Wyckoff’s non-combustible material requirement)

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
January 8, 2015 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building**