

**Environmental Commission Minutes – December 20, 2007**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Lisa Szegedi, Robert Maggio, Stacy Fiorina, Sean LaFlam  
Guest: Mary Mahon, Phil Savoie

- I. **Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes –November 2007**  
Motion by Rayna Laiosa, Second by Bob Maggio to accept the minutes
- II. **Environmental Commissioners Appointments** – Lisa Szegedi – Welcomed Lisa to the Environmental Commission as the newest member. At this time, the Mayor has decided not to appoint Mary Mahon as an Environmental Commissioner. The Mayor has thanked Mary for participating on the Environmental Commission as a citizen of Hawthorne. Mary will continue to attend and participate at our Environmental Commission meetings and events.
- III. **Finalize 2008 Meeting Dates** – Dates are approved by Commissioners- Will send to Jean Mele for Announcement in the Hawthorne Press.
- IV. **Update on Eagle Scout Project** – 8 Acre Woods Trail Signs/Maps – All trail signs are installed on the trails. The trail posts for the trail maps are installed. Finalized trail map with Curry Printers. Waiting for finish product to be installed. All invoices were submitted for payment. Curry will print 200 color maps for next year's Cel-Earth-Bration 2008. Stacy will put together a draft letter to the editor article for the Hawthorne Press prior to the January 17, 2008 meeting. We will discuss the draft letter at the January meeting.
- V. **Water reports** – Month of October & November 2007- All water quality results below New Jersey Drinking Water Standards.
- VI. **Environmental Commission Website** – Borough of Hawthorne – Our Environmental Commission website is up and running. We will have a separate webpage for the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). The Commission needs to develop an Executive Summary for the NRI webpage. Also, we will have a separate webpage for Cel-Earth-Bration. [www.hawthornenj.org](http://www.hawthornenj.org)
- VII. **Cel-Earth-Bration April 12, 2008** – Open Discussion on an alternative site of Cel-Earth-bration to the 8 Acre Woods & Boys & Girls Club instead of Hawthorne High School. The Commission has agreed to further look into the Boys & Girls Club for our next Cel-Earth-Bration 2008. Bob will have a discussion with John Bertollo and will report back to the Commission in January 2008.

**Brainstorm Ideas**

- Concerns – 1) Weather Conditions 2) Hawthorne School System Cooperation
- Scavenger Hunt for the children
- Will need volunteers to monitor the trails
- Boys & Girls Club – Auditorium will have the recycling contest projects set-up. Computer room for the recycling educational games for the children.
- Tentatively April 5, 2008 – Clean-up of the 8 acre Woods prior to Cel-Earth-Bration. Work with Mary Ellen Lyons on a Clean Community Grant. Discussed about getting trash grabber equipment to pick-up trash on the trails.
- Shadetree Commission will participate and provide the following: 1) Tree tubling planting workshop, 2) Tree Raffle, 3) Advertisement Hawthorne Press, 4) Develop a Tree Educational Game. The Shadetree Commission will assist in identifying the trees in the 8 Acre Woods.

- Educational Workshops – Mr. ReCycle, Snakes and Lizards, Hawks, etc.
  - Passaic County Parks Department
  - Passaic County Sheriff Department - Horses
  - Information about Stormwater in Goffle Brook Park – Mary Ellen
  - Audubon Society – Assist the Commission to identify plant and brushes in the 8 acre woods
  - Short Wave Radio will participate at Cel-Earth-Bration 2008 – Can be set-up outside
  - Prestige Party Rentals, Prospect Park – Contact them about tents for the event
- Recommended to Phil (Shadetree Commission) to look into the sanitary sewer project, several trees were removed and area was cleared. Phil will follow-up with the town.

VIII. **2008 preliminary expenses for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter**- On December 18, 2007, Rayna sent an email to Eric Mauer about 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008 preliminary expenses. Rayna estimates \$1,300 is needed in preparation for Cel-Earth-Bration 2008.

IX. **Environmental Bulletins** – Open Discussions to Commissioners

- Rutgers Environmental Steward Volunteer Training Program 2008
- The Jersey Shoreline Fall 2007 Issue
- ANDEC Report Autumn 2007 Issue
- ANJEC Green Certificates for Holiday Gifts

X. **Report from Planning Board** - No updates at this time

XI. **Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps** - None

XII. **Next Meeting January 17, 2008 at 7:30 pm.**