Environmental Commission Minutes – February 7, 2008
Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Joe Wojtecki, Sean LaFlam
Guest: George Cortesi, Mary Mahon, Pat Hutzelman , Mary Ellen Lyons, Phil Savoie

I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes –January 2008
Motion by Rosanne Zagatta, Second by Rayna Laiosa

II. ANJEC Annual Membership – Update Commissioners Information – In progress

III. ANJEC Workshop
a. Environmental Commission Training to Protect Natural Resources Saturday March 15, 2008 (9:00 to 12:30 pm) in Clifton New Jersey –Would like to have all Environmental Commissioners attend workshop in Clifton.
b. NJ 12th Annual Land Conservation Rally- March 8, 2008 New Brunswick, NJ – Open to members to attend.

IV. Update on Eagle Scout Project – 8 Acre Woods Trail Signs/Maps – Trail maps are complete, however, water has entered between the Plexiglas and trail map. Also, the compass has the incorrect direction of the North arrow. Will discuss with Curry Printers to correct trail maps. Need to re-schedule the February 17, 2008 installation of the trail maps to the following weekend, February 24, 2008.

Trail signs may need bracing to prevent people from bending the sign. Need to investigate further with Curry Printers.

Mary Ellen informed the Commissioners that one (1) Dog Waste station and (1) recycling bin (paper, glass, & plastic), and (2) benches were recently installed at the 8 Acre Woods area. Passaic County Sewerage Commission will not be able to complete the wood chips until the spring. Mary Ellen will keep us informed. Therefore, our ribbon cutting event will need to be moved to May or June timeframe.

V. Environmental Commission Website - Waiting for Executive Summary of the Natural Resource Inventory webpage from Lisa.

VI. Cel-Earth-Bration April 12, 2008
a. Create Sub-Committee for Earth Day – in discussion

b. Recycling Contest in School System – Collection of specific recyclables-Electronics, Possible Recycling Contest between the schools; Measurement by weight per capital (students) – It was discussed there will no contest, rather an event before Cel-Earth-Bration in the schools to raise the recycling awareness for electronics.

c. Teachers Representing the 5 schools – In progress

d. Develop a schedule to create and send letters to the Teachers about the Recycling Contest – March 3 send initial letters to teachers about recycling contest. March 31 return date for names of students participating in the recycling contest. It was discussed to have a photography environmental contest for the school system. This will be further investigated at a later meeting.

e. Recycling Game and Puzzle Booklets – Discussed and will get quotes for printing booklets.

f. Computer Environmental Games – Decided not have computer games.

g. Recycling Craft Workshop – Will work with the teachers on the craft workshop

h. E-mail from Mary Mahon Jan. 23, 2008 - Oradell Environmental Commission - She did programs for events and has a variety of programs. Her name is Joann Chack. – Need to contact Joann for information.

i. Publicity –
   - Press Releases, Posters for Advertisement – Hawthorne Press – press release on March 27, 2008 newspaper and advertisement on April 10, 2008 newspaper.
   - Shadetree Commission – press release on March 20, 2008 newspaper and advertisement on April 5, 2008 newspaper
   - Main Street – By the 15th of each month deadline for articles.
   - Gazette – Send press releases to the paper
   - Television Channel 77 – Earth Day;
   - Environmental Commission Website – April 12, 2007 on website; Need to develop an Earth Day webpage – Need volunteers to create the Cel-Earth-Bration website. George Cortesi has volunteered his time

j. Prizes – Recycling Contest and Games –

k. Project Competition – Sign In Sheet of Participants

l. Entertainment/Vendors –
   i. Passaic County Sewer Treatment – Need to contact Mary Ellen Lyons about having them participate. Possible workshop on stormwater (canoe) from them. Passaic County Sewer treatment employees will not be able to participate.
   ii. Boy Scouts/Eagle Scouts, - Need to reach out to them.
   iii. Weis Ecology, - Will look into their environmental programs
   iv. Riverkeeper, Possibility - Decided not to have Riverkeeper at this event
   v. 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 – All activities are in progress. On February 9, 2008, the tree seedling application was sent. Tree seedling will be shipped to the Chairmen's home prior to the event.

m. Tattoos, sponges

n. Face Painting – Pat Hutzelman will further research vendors (intranet) to purchase equipment.

o. Games – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club

p. Raffles – Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club (plant) and Hawthorne Recycling Coordinator will be having raffles throughout the event.

q. Lincoln Middle School Ecology Club will be putting together a drama show

r. Judges -???

s. Refreshments – Hawthorne HS Ecology Club (dirt cake & toxic punch)

t. Photography -It was discussed to have a photography contest about Hawthorne's natural resources in the school system. This will be further investigated for next year's Cel-Earth-Bration or a Fall event. May want to work with the Hawthorne Library on this event.

u. T-Shirts – Mary Ellen Lyons

v. Pizza – Mary Ellen Lyons will set-up a purchase order with Hawthorne Pizza

VII. Pan Chemical Status Update –Asbestos removal is in progress; NJ Transit, Realtor and Environmental Company are in discussions about the property

VIII. Report from Planning Board – Mazur Street possible 2-3 houses; initial proposal discussed at last Planning Board meeting in January.

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

X. **Next Meeting March 13, 2008 at 7:30 pm.**

Meeting January 17, 2008		
Next Step	**Who**	**When**
Letter to Editor Hawthorne Press – 8 Acre Wood Project	Stacy Fiorina	Received Feb. 11, 2008 –
Application Use of School Property Submittal	Rosanne Zagatta	COMPLETE
Update the Earth Day sign for location on Diamond Bridge – Check with Curry Printers	Bob Maggio	COMPLETE
Contact Mr. ReCycle about Earth Day April 12, 2008	Bob Maggio	COMPLETE
Contact Bill Plodder (Hawks) about Earth Day April 12, 2008	Rayna Laiosa	COMPLETE
Contact Main Street – Al Stampone article about Earth Day	Sean LaFlam	COMPLETE – By the 15th of each month articles are due
Contact Dr. Spirito about Earth Day – Recycling Contest, participation, etc.	Rayna Laiosa	COMPLETE
Contact Turtle Back Zoo and Weiss Ecology about programs for Earth Day	Lisa Szegedi	By next meeting – Feb. 7, 2008 – In progress
Executive Summary of the Natural Resource Inventory for webpage	Lisa Szegedi	By February 7, 2008 – In progress

Meeting February 7, 2008		
Next Step	**Who**	**When**
E-mail information to Commissioners about Environmental Workshop March 15, 2008	Rayna Laiosa	By February 22, 2008
Investigate the Radioactive levels differences in the drinking water from 2005 to 2006 (all levels are below NJDEP standards)	Mary Ellen Lyons to acting water department supervisor	By next meeting March 13, 2008
Re-schedule the installation of trail maps to weekend of February 24, 2008	Sean LaFlam	By February 18, 2008
Bracing (X) across the backs of the trail signs to prevent bending	Rayna Laiosa	By next meeting March 13, 2008
Contact PSEG Resource Recovery Manager for participation at Cel-Earth-Bration	Rayna Laiosa	By February 27, 2008
Send last year's press releases, letters to teachers to Rayna	Rosanne Zagatta	By February 11, 2008
Need to get three (3) quotes for printing Recycling Game and Puzzle booklets	Rayna Laiosa	By next meeting March 13, 2008
Face painting equipment – need to find on the intranet vendors	Pat Hutzelman	By next meeting March 13, 2008
Purchase Order issued for pizza at Cel-Earth-Bration event	Mary Ellen Lyons	By next meeting March 13, 2008
Contact Scott Chminel about HHS Ecology Club refreshments	Rayna Laiosa	By February 13, 2008
Contact Hawthorne Press about last year's advertisement - ads	Phil Savoie	By next meeting March 13, 2008