



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: April 27, 2015

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Robert Meier, Molly Sher, Pat MacDonnell, Mary Mahon, Victor Tamburro, Chris Tamburro, Yvonne Humphries, Carol Roberston, Barbara McGuick, Ed McGuick, Jack Systma, Phil Speulda, and Maureen Cook

Green Team Purpose

- Making community life sustainable in a way that minimizes environmental harm and depletion of natural resources
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey Certification

Topics Discussed on 04-27-2015:

- a. Review March 30, 2015 minutes - Approved
- b. Community Garden Discussion
 - i. Community Garden 2015 Update –
 - a. Purchase 4 x 12 raised garden bed Earth Easy – Rayna working with DPW
 - b. Schedule and purchase Compost Topsoil (team agreed Downes Tree Service), hay bales (Braen Supply), water hose (Rayna), flags, and extra keys
 - c. Fence Discussion – Victor Tamburro shared information from Home Supply – Sierra Cedar Vinyl Privacy Diamond Lattice, PVC Rabbit Gard Garden Fence; Jack Systma shared information from Academy Fence 1 x 1 24 inch black wire; Jack will follow-up with Anchor Fence who installed the wire fence of the garden. Phil Speulda suggested contacting Home Supply. Team agreed to purchase 1 x 1 24 inch black wire to repair the existing fence and discourage rabbits entering the garden. Need to purchase black ties for the installation of the fence.
 - d. Discuss Tentatively Date for Installation of 4 x 12 raised garden bed – Maureen Cook is working with Earth Easy and Eric (Business Administrator) needs to sign the Purchase Order.
 - e. Bulletin Board Update – Completely built; will be installed prior to the 2nd Grand Opening event Saturday May 30, 2015
 - f. 2nd Grand Opening Saturday May 20, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Garden; Press Release/ Advertisement/ Website/ Facebook/ Invitations; Light Refreshments (Flo’s Market) – Rayna will prepare the press release and Hazel/Molly will post on our Facebook pages.
 - ii. City Green Dig 1st Annual Community Garden Conference Saturday May 16, 2015 Register on City Green Website; Doors open at 9:30 am; Conference Begins at 10:00 am Sharp
 - iii. Green Lecture – Tuesday May 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne Library Organic Pest Management and Vegetable Gardening; Rayna will prepare the press release for the event.
 - iv. Community Garden Picnic Days – Team discussed having a community garden party/celebration at the Garden/Goffle Brook Park. Across the street – Goffle Brook Park has charcoal grills and picnic tables. Pat MacDonnell will look into finding the process of a Park Permit from the County. Potential Dates Discussed Sunday June 14, 2015

- c. Cel-Earth-Bration Saturday April 18, 2015 – 10 to 2 pm Hawthorne High School
 - i. Cel-Earth-Bration Re-Cap Discussion – Overall went well; Need to ensure that events are scheduled appropriately and started on time.
 - ii. Cel-Earth-Bration 2015 Budget – Please provide submit your invoices for payment to Rayna
 - 1. Rizzo Reptile (\$500) 2015 HEC Budget
 - 2. Hawthorne Press Ad
 - 3. Tattoos/Facepainting/Giveways(prizes) – Rosanne Zagatta \$250
 - 4. Other Expenses
 - ii. Thank You Letters – Donors, Partners, etc. –Mary Mahon created a Thank You Note card for the donors and partners. She will make additional Thank You Note cards for Barbara and team to distribute.

- d. Annual June Environmental Program Monday –
 - i. Monday June 8, 2015 at 7:30 pm Hawthorne High School Auditorium (need screen, video projector, electrical cords (power for laptop), podium, and microphone)
 - ii. Environmental Recognition Nomination Form – Deadline Friday May 29, 2015; All applications should be mailed to: Hawthorne Environmental Commission: 445 Lafayette Ave, Hawthorne NJ, 07507, Attention: Rayna Laiosa, Environmental Commission Chair, or emailed to **HawthorneEC@gmail.com**.
 - iii. Discussion on recognizing Citizens and local Businesses - Please think about “potential nominations of people and a green business” to Recognize at the June Environmental Program.
 - iv. Powerpoint presentation – Cel-Earth-Bration and Shredding Event Highlights
 - v. Certificates – Need Mayor’s Vice-Chair, and Chair of the Environmental Commission signature

- e. Open Discussions:
 - i. Milkweed Project – Purchase milkweed plants to be planted in the 8 Acre Woods and Hawthorne Library property; Potential Partnership – Boys Scouts to jointly plant the milkweed plants in the 8 Acre Woods. Sometime in June 2015 timeframe; Purchase Milkweed Plants at Metro Plant on Route 17 in Paramus
 - ii. Rain Garden Update – Carol Robertson and Pat MacDonnell went to the rain garden on Friday April 24, 2015 to clean-up the debris. Waiting for the plants to return. It was a harsh winter.
 - iii. Phil Speulda – Fair Lawn Event “Green Team” Sunday May 3, 2015 Bird Sanctuary
 - iv. Discussed moving the Green Team Meeting May 18 to May 14, 2015 due to Zoning Board Mtg and the closeness of the Environmental Commission meeting; Team agreed to hold a Joint Meeting on Thursday May 14, 2015.

VISION STATEMENT

Hawthorne is committed to protecting our natural resources while meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising those of future generations.

Sustainability means:

- Protecting our open spaces, and conserving our natural resources with waste reduction and recycling
- Promoting environmental education, and energy efficiency to residents and businesses alike
- Considering environmental, economic, and social impacts to future development
- Improving community health and quality of life for every citizen

Next Meeting:

Joint Meeting Env Com/Green Team

CHANGED TO MAY 14, 2015 at Municipal Building