



Environmental Commission Minutes June 12, 2017

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Robert Meier, Pat MacDonnell, Robert Maggio, and Hazel Pinos

Guests: Carol Robertson, Mary Mahon, Karen Young, Patty Elwood, Maureen Cook, and Alex Vetlox

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meetings:
 - a. Environmental Commission/Green Team Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2017
 - b. Environmental Commission Minutes – May 11, 2017Motion by: Robert Meier, Second by: Robert Maggio

- II. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Native Plant Project – Implementation Schedule
 - 1. Saturday June 17, 2017 at 9:00 am Meeting Place: Municipal Building – Install Native Plant Lives Here Sign (Robert Maggio & Carol Robertson) and native plant identification stakes (Rayna, Pat, Patty, Karen, Carol, and Mary)
 - 2. Saturday June 24, 2017 Grand Opening of Native Plant Project
 - 1. 10:00 am Municipal Building
 - 2. 10:30 am Ambulance Building Corp and Community Garden Area
 - 3. 11:00 am Magic Carousel
 - 4. Rayna Sent invitations to Assemblyman Eustace, Senator Gordon, Mayor, Council, all Borough employees, Sustainable Jersey, Ambulance Building Corp officers and members
 - 5. Publicity – Hawthorne Press, Gazette, Borough Website, Facebook
 - b. **Next Green Team Meeting Monday June 26, 2017, 2017 at the Hawthorne Library**

- III. Buy Local Campaign – Launch July 1, 2016 “Find the Hawthorne BEE!” – Rayna, Meg, and Robert is working on the identification of retailer participation; Will need volunteers to deliver BEE materials to retailers the end of the month, June.

- IV. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
 - a. 2017-2018 School Calendar Dates – Cel Earth Bration and Annual June Environmental Program – Need to Follow-up – Rosanne will contact School System to confirm dates – Proposed Saturday April 21, 2018 Cel Earth Bration and Monday June 11, 2018 Annual June Environmental Program
 - b. Passaic County Green Infrastructure Meeting – Review draft letter – Received input to the letter; Rayna will send an email to team to collect additional comments deadline June 21, 2017

- c. Congress Mills – 179-199 Goffle Road – Bob raised safety concerns – crater is getting larger on the property; concerned about cars falling into the crater (Goffle Brook stream runs underneath the building and driveway areas)– storing of cars from local auto body shop which does not have the permission from the town; stormwater concerns; Commission request Bob to take pictures and identify the issues to prepare a letter to the Mayor and Business Administrator

**Environmental Commission Meeting
July 13, 2017 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**