



Environmental Commission Minutes July 13, 2017

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Pat MacDonnell, and Mike Mariani
Guests: Barbara Zakur, Karen Young, Patty Elwood, and Alex Vetlox

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meetings: Moved to the August 17th Meeting
 - a. Environmental Commission – Annual J0une Environmental Program Minutes – June 12, 2017
 - b. Environmental Commission Minutes – June 12, 2017

- II. Planning Board Report – Mary Lou DiMattia
 - a. Royal Avenue Project – Work Session Planning Board Meeting May 2, 2017; 1st Public Hearing May 16, 2017 – Planning Board minutes – Application is moved to the Zoning Board in response to the objective’s attorney; Applicant agrees to move the project application; Status Update – New Plans with increased density
 - b. Hawthorne Gospel Church – Planning Board Meeting Tuesday July 11, 2017 – Proposed Artificial Turf Field – Rayna testified at the hearing – clarification questions regarding the proposed storm water management plan

- III. Hawthorne Water Reports – May and June 2017 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards

- IV. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Community Garden – Weed Email Reminder – Pat MacDonnell to distribute to gardeners; Rayna will distribute on Facebook page
 - b. Native Plant Project
 1. Grand Opening Saturday June 24, 2017 – It went well
 2. Borough Website – Develop Native Plant Web Page – Rayna
 3. Sustainable Jersey Final Grant Report Due: August 31, 2017
 1. Donations Include – (2) additional potting soil bags for Paul’s Volvo
 2. Prepare Articles – a) Puzos’s and Paul’s Volvo; b) Municipal Building; c) Ambulance Building Corp. and Community Garden
 3. Drop Off Native Plant Sign – Alex to re-install the bolt on sign
 - c. Buy Local Campaign – Launch July 1, 2016 “Find the Hawthorne BEE!”
 1. BEE Grand Celebration – Sunday July 30, 2017 at 12:00 pm
Hawthorne Farmers’ Market
 - d. **Next Green Team Monday July 24, 2017 at Hawthorne Library**

- V. 7th Annual Green Fair Sunday September 10, 2017 (rain date Sunday September 17, 2017)
 - a. **Time of Event** 9 am to 2 pm; set-up 8:00 am

- b. **Men of Horse Band** – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm with (2) 15 minute breaks –
- c. **Potential Vendors**
 - 1. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel, green infrastructure, water conservation/native plant booth – Mike Mariani will contact
 - 2. Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook
 - 3. Pottery – Mary Mahon;
 - 4. “Animals Need You” non-profit organization – Tom – Contact Mary Mahon to v
 - 5. BEAR Management – Doreen - Mike Mariani will contact
 - 6. City Green – Pat MacDonald will contact
 - 7. Hawthorne Garden Club - Pat MacDonald will contact
 - 8. Gourmet Express - Mike Mariani will contact
 - 9. Peace Love LLC – Rayna - Confirmed
 - 10. Pandora Healing
 - 11. Goffle Brook Farm
 - 12. Passaic County 4-H Club - Mike Mariani will contact Amy Rowe
 - 13. Rocky’s Pet Pantry
 - 14. Knead-U-Need
 - 15. NJ Clean Energy Program – Promote programs
 - 16. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Rain Garden, Native Plant Projects
 - 17. Food Bank – “New Hope” – Hazel will contact
 - 18. Viridian Energy – Hazel will contact
 - 19. Project Medicine Box – Get Literature – Maureen Cook
 - 20. Hawthorne School of Dance – Karen Young will contact Erin
 - 21. The Learning Tree
 - 22. Paula Tutein – Booth on Coaching for Life – Opening Insights, LLC
 - 23. Pilates Fusion – Pat Curcio
 - 24. Green Mojo Eco Consulting Company – Rayna will contact
 - 25. Chet Scents – Soy Candles - Confirmed
 - 26. Holistic Nutrition for Life – Mary Mahon
- d. **Farmer’s Market Vendors**
- e. **Tables and Chairs** for event – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Maureen/Bob Scully- tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs)
- f. **Press Release** –
- g. **Green Fair Signs**
- h. **Green Fair Flyers**
- i. **Giveaways**
- j. **Special Invitations** – Mayor and Council

VI. Passaic County Green Infrastructure – Letter to County – In- Process

VII. Congress Mills – 179-199 Goffle Road

- a. Status Update provided by Barbara Zakur – Planning Board Member – Auxiliary Lot permitted use for auto repair body shop; allowed to park cars on private building/industrial; Auto Repair Body Shop maintains log of cars
- b. Environmental Commission Regulations – states Commission has no authority to enforce town regulations and ordinances; This is a property use issue

VIII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps

- a. Capstone Project “Volunteering for the Environmental Commission” – Barbara Zakur – 12 weeks to complete the project; Questions/Problems to be addressed in the project – 1) Allocation of resources – money- financial and volunteers; 2)

steps to increase participation and 3) Authority of Power; will 5 to 10 survey questions; cover letter with instructions to distribute to current/former Environmental Commissioners and Green Team members; scale rating from strongly agree to disagree; 10 minutes to complete the survey; Will provide the survey to Rayna to distribute in the next 2 to 3 weeks

- b. Karen Young provided an update on the Goffle Brook Artificial Turf Field – Environmental Permits; based on review of NJDEP Data Miner – Discharge to Stormwater Permit was filed; Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Erosion and Sediment Plan; Rayna will follow-up with Borough Administration on the environmental permits filed for the project

**Environmental Commission/Green Team Meeting
August 17, 2017 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**