



Environmental Commission Minutes October 5, 2017

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Pat MacDonnell, Rosanne Zagatta, and Robert Meier
Guests: Mary Mahon, Carol Robertson, and Alex Vetlov

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meetings:
 - a. Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – September 7, 2017 – Moved to the November 9, 2017 meeting
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports July and August 2017 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards
- III. Planning Board Report – Mary Lou DiMattia/Robert Meier – Robert reported that Boagies Hogies is expanded into the former dry cleaner
- IV. Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - a. Royal Avenue Project – Monday September 18, 2017 at 6:45pm – Rayna was unable to attend the initial meeting; Next Meeting October 16, 2017; Rayna is in the process of preparing and submitting an Environmental Report to the Board
- V. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Community Garden
 1. Donate to Hawthorne’s Food Pantry - on-going- 2017 Total 69.04 lbs. vs. 2016 52 lbs.
 2. Harvest Celebration– October 21, 2017 at 4:00 pm Ambulance Building Corp – Confirmed; Need to send a follow-up email to the gardeners - Pat MacDonnell week of October 16, 2017
 3. First Refusal for 2018 Garden Season – communicate – Rayna will send email and post on Facebook – Response Deadline of November 9, 2017
 - b. Native Plant Project
 1. Next Step: Rayna - Send power point presentations to develop press release articles regarding native plant project to Pat MacDonnell
 - c. **Next Green Team October 23, 2017 Hawthorne Library**
- VI. 7th Annual Green Fair Sunday September 10, 2017 (rain date Sunday September 17, 2017) – It went great! The Band was very good. Lots of vendors for the Green Fair; Continuous improvement; Discussed Goffle Brook Farms sell Native Plants during the Green Fair
- VII. Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 23, 2017 (Native Plant Project, Community Garden, Green Map, Anti-Idling) Thank you Rosanne and Pat for leading the event.

- VIII. Hawthorne Borough's Website – Upgrade – Encourage everyone to review the website and recommend updates/removals
- IX. Borough Council– Introduced Noxious Weeds Ordinance Discussion – Did not have a quorum for the Commissioners to vote on the proposed ordinance. However, it was reviewed and discussed with the attended Commissioners and guests of the Environmental Commission.
- X. Sustainable Jersey Grant Gardinier - \$150,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program cycle for both [municipalities](#) and [school districts](#). For this cycle, the Gardinier Environmental Fund will fund energy projects focused on energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. Rayna sent email to Eric and Mayor Goldberg on October 1, 2017 – proposed electric charging stations – Municipal Building, Hawthorne Library, Hawthorne Pool, and Ambulance Building Corp.
- XI. Environmental Commission - 2018 Proposed Budget Discussion – October 25, 2017 Deadline - Eric Maurer – Commissioners agreed to add \$3,500 for native plant project for the front of the Municipal Building to our 2018 Environmental Commission Budget; 2018 proposed budget submitted October 22, 2017
- XII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Green Map license renewal fee – Received email in October regarding the green map license renewal fee. When the Green Map system was upgraded, Rayna was informed that there would no longer be a fee to use the license. Rayna will follow-up with Green Map.
 - b. 2017 Remaining Budget Discussion
 - 1.Environmental Commission/Green Team – Tri-Fold Brochure
Promoting our organization, encourage residents to join; Who we are?
How to join? – Carol and Pat will prepare the text for the team to review
 - 2.Environmental Commission/Green Team Logo – Thank You Cards –
We appreciate your support! Thank You; print 100 to 200 cards
 - 3.Discussed Holiday Buy Local Campaign posters or ad in the Hawthorne Press – initial thoughts – no to ad in the Hawthorne Press

**Environmental Commission Meeting
November 9, 2017 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**