

Environmental Commission Minutes October 9, 2008

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Stacey Fiorina, Rosanne Zagatta, Pat Hutzelman.

Guest: Mary Mahon, Krista Rambala, Renee Buchanan, George Cortesi, Jean Collins

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Minutes –September 2008
Motion by Stacey Fiorina, Second by Patricia Hutzelman
- II. Water Report Update – August 2008 – Reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards.
- III. ANJEC Environmental Award 2008/ Environmental Congress – Congress was excellent. The Environmental Commission received the 2008 ANJEC Environmental Achievement Award. Lots of ideas for Cel-Earth-Bration 2009
 - i. Low Carbon Diet – A 30 Day Program to Lose 5,000 Pounds – Save Money, Save Energy, Save the Planet! Be Part of the Global Warming Solution – Discussed the purchase of books for the Hawthorne School System, St. Anthony’s, Hawthorne Christian Academy, and Hawthorne Library. Book is \$12.95. Stacey will follow-up with purchasing the book.
 - ii. Chatham NJ - Back2Tap Program – Recommend stainless steel over plastic or aluminum bottles, eliminate disposable plastic bottles. Environmental Commission is interested in having the Back2Tap presentation at Cel-Earth-Bration 2009. Stacey will follow-up with Back2Tap organization on the details.
- IV. Status Update 2004 Passaic County Open Space Grant – Waiting for Bob on pricing for trail signs.
 - a. Krista and Renee put together a power point presentation and booklet on the Birds in the 8 Acre Woods. Excellent job! Will put some of the booklet information on the birds in the power point presentation. Discussion about putting together a book on Birds in the 8 Acre Woods to distribute to the school system. Krista and Renee will follow-up with their teacher in school.
- V. ANJEC Workshop October 30, 2008 Elements of Sustainability – Greening Your Master Plan and Ordinances – 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm Highland Park Borough Hall 221 South 5th Avenue Highland Park, NJ - All commissioners are encouraged to attend the meeting. Rayna will be attending the workshop.
- VI. Environmental Commission 2009 Budget – Discussed the proposed budget for 2009 and will submit to Eric Maurer by October 15, 2008.
- VII. Thank You Article/Press Release about Ribbon Cutting Event – Rosanne developed the press release. Commission reviewed and approved the press release. Press release will be sent to Hawthorne Press and Hawthorne Gazette.
- VIII. Status Update Pan Chemical – Rayna electronically submitted a request to the NJDEP for public records on Pan Chemical. Requested preliminary site assessment, remedial investigation, remedial action workplan reports, correspondence between owner and NJDEP. Waiting for response from NJDEP.
- IX. Report from Planning Board – No new issues reported.
- X. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
 - a. Black Diamonds Saturday October 11 and 18, 2008 Channel 76 – Coal Mining Program- West Virginia

- b. Cel-Earth-Bration 17th Annual Event – Discussion about theme – “Green the Environment” theme
 - i. Discussed to purchase 50 bottles from Back2tap program
 - ii. Compact Light bulbs and low flow shower heads to distribute to participants – Rosanne will follow up with pricing.
 - iii. Recycling Contest – revolving around “Green Projects” – examples in the Low Carbon Diet; Need to develop the criteria for contest

XI. Next Meeting Thursday November 13, 2008 – **Propose Wednesday November 12, 2008 for Environmental Commission Meeting, instead of Nov. 13, 2008.**