



**Virtual Meeting
Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes
June 11, 2020**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Pat MacDonnell, Carol Robertson, Mary Mahon, Liana Romano, and Rob Meier

Guests: Maureen Cook, Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Craig Cayetano, Elizabeth Barker, Dawn Zagatta, Veronica Ditko, Patty Elwood, and Charles Stebbins.

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- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Meeting –
 - a. Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes – May 14, 2020
Motion by Rosanne Zagatta, Second by: Pat MacDonnell
- II. Planning Board Report – No updated report
- III. Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - a. 53 Braen Avenue LLC – 10 Sotnick Street - Next meeting is July meeting.
- IV. Green Team
 - a. Community Garden – Overgrown bushes adjacent to the community garden;
Next Step: Pat MacDonnell will visit and take photos. Will submit photos to Maureen Cook and Rayna; Turn on Water and Mulch delivery was done on May 13th. Additional mulch was delivered week of May 25, 2020; Thank You Peggy,

Mike, and Julia for spreading the additional mulch! All gardeners will receive a \$10 gift card from Goffle Brook Farms. All gardeners need to go to Goffle Brook Farms to pick up the gift card. Owner of Goffle Brook Farms has all of the Hawthorne gardeners' names.

- b. Virtual Green Lectures via Zoom Meetings
 1. Hawthorne Birds - Lisa and Holly will consider organizing some Hawthorne Birds material for a lecture. Participants Take Action - Discussed Bird Bingo activity for everyone. – Tuesday June 30, 2020 at 7:30 pm
 2. Container Gardening for Everyone – Rayna and Pat - Vegetable and/or Herb gardens; photos, step by step instructions (ie YouTube video); Take the Green Team Challenge Container Gardening Prize for the Participants – Winner for the Most unusual category and most weight (lbs or pieces) - Tentatively Thursday June 18, 2020 at 7:30 pm
 3. Goffle Brook Park Plants by Alexandra Soterious – posting photos and a description on Facebook pages; Request to develop Goffle Brook Plant booklet and table of contents; similar to the Passaic County Native Plants Booklet that was created for our Native Plant Program. All lectures will be publicizing through Face Book, Tap Into Hawthorne, Electronic Bulletin Board, and Boro's website. Next Step: Rayna will call Alexandra on status. – June 19, 2020 - Alexandra is working the information; plants continue to be bloomed throughout the summer into Fall; Anticipate sometime in the Fall with draft of Goffle Brook Park Plant booklet.
 4. Green Lecture – Scheduled for Thursday May 28, 2020 at 7:30 pm – Learn about Lyme Disease – by Alexandra Soterious; Alexandra will update the Press Release. Rayna will issue the Press Release to various medias – Tap Into Hawthorne, Boro's website, Nixle, and FaceBook. Craig will work to develop a flyer. – Went very well
 5. Other Suggested Topics by Green Lecture participants from Learn about Lyme Disease –
 1. Recycling – Maureen will work on program for the end of July/Beginning of August,
 2. Composting – Mary will work with Craig to create the video for the Virtual Green Lecture,
 3. Trap Feral Cat Program – discussed
- V. Town Wide Environmental Virtual Activity Discussion – Ideas/Brain Storm Session
Involve Community in Environmental Awareness
- a. Month of July - Poster Contest “Why I Love Hawthorne” discussed- Rosanne will develop a flyer for social media; Favorite: Shops, Places, Sport , What to see, What to do, - Discussed the 2nd week in July 10, 2020; participants have 3 weeks to make poster; 4th week to vote “Most Likes” on Facebook; Discussed that all posters should be submitted to an Email and then posters together for the voting; Hazel Pinos several years ago created Hawthorne Env Com Gmail email account; Rayna will re-activate the Gmail account; Lisa will work with Rayna on the Gmail account and posting all posters on Facebook page.
 - b. Cooking Class – Healthy recipes – Mary will follow up with Robin Garmise
 - c. Buy local campaigns to support businesses in town discussed; Take Out Bingo, - Discussed Facebook Campaign “How I supported Hawthorne this Week?” Will start the week of June 21, 2020; Hashtag was created several years ago - #ShopHawthorneNJ; Discussed bringing it back.; New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce Campaign – Buy New Jersey marketing information; Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce is utilizing the logo on their website. Hawthorne Bee is cancelled.

- d. Hawthorne First: - Favorite Local Hawthorne Shops, Favorite Hawthorne Places, Favorite Business – Tied to the Buy Local Campaign Discussion
 - e. Importance of keeping the community aware and “in the know” of environmental sustainability discussed; By providing opportunities for all residents to Take Action during the summer months. – Please see Above – Container Gardening – Green Team Challenge; Poster Contest; Hawthorne Birds Green Lecture
- VI. Gateway to the Passaic River Project
- a. New Jersey’s Free Fishing Days – Saturday June 6, 2020 and Saturday October 17, 2020
 - b. Re-Start May 2020 – complete the installation of the Rain Gardens and the planting of native plants; Rayna will contact Rutgers and Downes for a re-start of project. Downes completed the installation of the rain gardens and wooden guard rail starting Wednesday January 29 through Friday January 31, 2020. Rayna and Carol monitored the progress. – Rain Gardens are completed; Remining Tasks – install the stones/gravel, plant native plants, and install rain garden sign. Rutgers delivered the native plants on Friday May 15, 2020 and Downes planted the plants and installed the stone/gravel on Saturday May 16, 2020!
 - c. Trail Map Status – Finalized - all agreed 200 copies – 60 lb paper – non-gloss printing (\$325); Rayna communicated to Marc for printing of the trail map.
 - d. Rutgers – Native Plants - Rayna contacted Rutgers to let them about the rain garden installation news!; Tentatively Planting Date: Saturday May 16, 2020 Downes Tree Services will plant the native plants. – Completed
 - e. Trail Sign, Rain Garden Sign, and tree tags installation – Once we can schedule a Grand Opening Date, then the remaining tasks – installation of rain garden and Gateway to the Passaic River Trail Signs, and tree tags will be completed. Next Step: end of June/Beginning of July
 - f. Grand Opening – Depends on Governor Murphy’s Executive Orders – outdoor events; Executive Order 153 signed June 9, 2020; increase the number of outdoor people; Tentatively Saturday July 25, 2020 at 10:00 am
- VII. Update on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Discussed going back to 2 meetings a month – Hawthorne Environmental Commission and Green Team meetings
 - b. Hawthorne Environmental Commission moving July 9, 2020 to Thursday July 2, 2020
 - c. Green Team Meeting – Monday July 27, 2020
 - d. Carol – Blue Green Algae – Beware Dogs going to into lakes, creeks, and streams; Causing significant health issues; Carol will send information to Lisa and Rayna to post on our Facebook pages.

**Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Joint Meeting
Thursday July 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM – MOVED TO July 2, 2020
Virtual Meeting – ZOOM**