

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**

Chairman James Ruff called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was sent to The Record and the Newark Star Ledger on the 31st day of December, 2014. Members present were: Jim Ruff, Kevin Avery and Peter Garvey.

The minutes of the June 25, 2015, meeting were approved. There were no meetings in July and August.

Correspondence received: 1) email from Steve Quinn advising Hudsonia is offering a one-day workshop on the Conservation of Urban Biodiversity, taught by Kristi MacDonald and Erik Kiviat, at Teatown Lake Reservation, Ossining, NY, Monday 24 August; 2) Notice to Neighboring Landowners from Eagle Nest Development Urban Renewal, LLC Re: 300 Bergen Turnpike dated August 17, 2015; 3) email from Don Torino to Steve Quinn dated September 7 regarding Skymark; 4) letter from Philip Boggia, Esq., enclosing copy of Petition for Approval of the Housing Element & Fair Share Plan 5) Postcard from Baron Environmental Associates offering their services for Environmental Compliance; 6) Memo regarding Anti-Idling Programs – Sustainable Jersey certification

Old Business:

Interpretive Signs – Steve Quinn has submitted his work to Fossil. Quote F67248 was received from Fossil in the amount of \$1,318.00 with a deposit due in the amount of \$838.00. The check was mailed to Fossil. The signs are in production. They will be shipping a color sample as the next step. Two signs are being made – one for each park.

Tree Walk - Commissioner Anlian is unavailable to do a fall bird count.

Earth Day – Barbara DeLuca gathered the names of some of the groups setting up displays at the recent Fall Harvest Festival in the County Park. They might be a nice addition to the Earth Day Celebration. Contact info is as follows: Rutgers Cooperative Extension, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601; Master Gardener Helpline 201-336-6783 & 6784; Horticultural Consultant 201-336-6788. There was a bonsai display by Len Schwartz from Teaneck who is President of Bergen Bonsai Society. The Bergen County 4-H Club (Agriculture: bergen@njaes.rutgers.edu; 4-H Youth Development: bergen4h@njaes.rutgers.edu) also had a popular booth set up.

There is also information on a show that might work for Earth Day. Mad Science of Northeast NJ can do an interactive show with the children. Her contact info is: Laura E. Iacovacci, 201-236-1400 ext. 1003, fax 201-773-0343; email: northeastnj.madscience.org.

New Business:

Sustainable Jersey program - The link for the program is www.sustainablejersey.com. In order to participate, RP must, by resolution, appoint a Green Team. All members of the EC should be on the Green Team. Peggy Conversano advised she would like to serve on the Green Team. Commissioner Anlian also needs to be a part as well. Other suggested names were Alan O'Grady and/or Donna McEntee as well as possibly Charlie Gneiding from the Police Dept. since he handled the unused medication collections. Steve and Linda Quinn would be great members if they were willing to be appointed. The EC will contact Commissioner Anlian to set up a meeting to discuss candidates so he can speak to them.

The Village needs to do a resolution and appoint members of the Green Team. It will then be easier to divide up the necessary requirements so that RP can get credit for many of the activities that it already

does. There are projects such as the eradication of the knotweed, the nature preserve, eagle protection, public education, Earth Day, school projects, animal shows, etc., that just need to be documented so that proper credit can be given to RP so it earns the necessary 150 points. The goal is to be able to submit the application for 2016.

A copy of the 2015 Sustainable Jersey Master Action Tracking Spreadsheet will be given to the members and Commissioner Anlian to familiarize themselves with possible submissions. Deadline is June 2016.

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The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca