

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011**

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
May 26, 2011**

Chairman James Ruff called the meeting to order at 8:15 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 29th day of December, 2010. Members present were: James Ruff and Linda Quinn. Also present at the meeting was Kevin Avery, Peter Garvey, Harry Menta and Commissioner Anlian.

The minutes of the April 28, 2011, meeting were approved.

Commissioner Anlian suggested that the Commission put something into the next newsletter advising that the Commission is looking for people who care about the environment and are interested in working with the Environmental Commission.

Linda Quinn brought a copy of the nature preserve map showing which properties the Village owns and which property the Village would like to acquire.

The proposed pedestrian bridge will originate in the high school. One proposal called for an elevator. Another proposal called for a ramp. The Commission will send a letter to the Board of Commissioners that it feels a ramp would be ideal to also use as for wildlife observation. The ramp would have a dual purpose. It is scheduled to be completed in the next 2-3 years. The Commission will copy Dr. Steven Boswell on this letter.

Next year the Commission is thinking of holding a celebration of Earth Day close to the actual April date and then have a Riverfest Day to offer boat rides. It seems that scavenger hunts work well at these events. Earth Day went well this year but the Commission thinks the event is getting a little stale and would like to think up ways to make some changes for next year. The animal shows also seem to be popular with guests. The Commission will also contact Wildlife on Mt. Vernon Street to see if it would like to participate in Earth Day next year. The Hudson River Fisherman table was a nice addition.

The Commission should schedule a reorganization meeting annually and also have an annual election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Current membership is Jim Ruff, Madelaine Capuccio and Steve Quinn as regular members and Linda Quinn as an alternate member. Maureen Nassan submitted her resignation from the Commission. The Commission should consist of five regular members and two alternates. Kevin Avery, James Garvey, Harry Menta and Jules Rotella all expressed an interest in joining the Commission.

The next street fair on Main Street is scheduled for October 29. The Commission will host a table at the event.

Jim Ruff contacted Bergen County Parks to see if power boats were allowed. No one seems to know the answer. Jim will reach out to Gil Hawkins to see if he knows if power boats are allowed.

The next meeting is scheduled is for Thursday, June 23, 2011.

The meeting ended at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca