

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MARCH 26, 2015**

Chairman James Ruff called the meeting to order at 7:35 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: James Ruff, Peter Garvey and Harry Menta.

The minutes of the February 26, 2015, meeting were approved.

Correspondence received: None at this time.

Old Business:

Eagles – No new developments.

Interpretive Signs – Steve Quinn is working on the drawings for the signs.

Riverside Park – No new developments.

Nature Preserve – Kevin Avery and Peter Garvey will check out this area to evaluate it. After EC members check out this area, decisions will be made on how to proceed.

Spring Bird Count - The spring bird count will be held on May 9 before the Earth Day Celebration. It will begin at 7:00 a.m. at McGowan Park and last until 10:00 a.m. Those interested can also meet at 8:30 a.m. at the amphitheater in Overpeck County Park.

Earth Day 2015 – May 9 (11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) is the scheduled day for Earth Day. High tide is 2:37 p.m. that day. The show schedule is as follows:

11:30 a.m. Eyes of the Wild/Wallaby Tales

12:30 p.m. Tenaflly Nature Center

2:30 p.m. Snakes-N-Scales

The Wildlife will host an all-day educational wildlife program with live bats and educational wildlife exhibit stand. The face painter will be available throughout the day. Risky Business Bluegrass Band will provide the music. The scouts will handle the food. Boat rides will also be available. The spring bird count begins at 7:00 a.m. at McGowan Park and lasts until 10:00 a.m. Interested parties can also meet up with the EC at 8:30 a.m. at the amphitheater in Overpeck County Park. The Hudson Fisherman are not available this year. Jim did speak to Sergio and he wants to do Earth Day but has not been able to officially confirm yet. Batman will be there all day. If he wants to do a specific presentation, he could fit in at 1:30.

New Business:

Commissioner Anlian would like to see RP officially participating in the Sustainable Jersey program. Sustainable Jersey is a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. The link for the program is www.sustainablejersey.com.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015, at **7:30 p.m.**

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca