

## NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012

### MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION April 26, 2012

Chairman James Ruff called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 28th day of December, 2011. Members present were: James Ruff, Kevin Avery, Peter Garvey, Harry Menta and Linda Quinn.

The minutes of the March 22, 2012, meeting were approved.

**Old Business:** Steve Quinn is working on the illustrations for the interpretive signs. Kevin Avery and Harry Menta will assist in the text for the signs. It might be a good idea to put up a sign as the project is going on at the nature preserve.

Commissioner Anlian suggested that members of the Environmental Commission might want to use a separate email address just for Environmental Commission official business. He pointed out that if any situation where some legal issues arose, all of the member's emails could be obtained via subpoena. The Commission decided to ask the webmaster to set up a general email address for the Commission, which will be monitored by Harry Menta.

The Environmental Commission attended the Board of Commissioners' caucus meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2012, to discuss the NYRA and their use of the Overpeck Creek. Gil Hawkins and Bill Sheehan also attended. Overall it went well. The Mayor and Commissioners are sympathetic to the cause but embroiled in their own battles with the County. They did agree to send a letter to Kistner and copy everyone else.

#### **Earth Day:**

Harry Menta sent releases to a lot of television stations as well as the Patriot. The Patriot will have a story about Earth Day in this week's paper. The Wanda Canoe Club will be bringing canoes. There will be no boat rides this year as the dock was destroyed in the October storm.

Earth Day will be held on April 28, 2012, and will run from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. High tide is 3:00 p.m. this year. Members will meet at 10:00 a.m.

Vouchers have been signed and returned from all vendors. Checks have been mailed by the Clerk's Office. Lenape Lifeways is unable to participate this year.

The show schedule is as follows:

11:30 Wallaby Tales – Exotic Animal Show [pam@eyeswild.com](mailto:pam@eyeswild.com) \$295

1:00 – 2:00 Snakes-N-Scales – Snake Show [bill@snakes-n-scales.com](mailto:bill@snakes-n-scales.com) \$350

2:30 – 3:30 Tenafly Nature Raptor Program \$158

The Wildlife - All day live educational wildlife program with live bats and wildlife exhibit stand. \$250

Risky Business Bluegrass Band – Continuous Music \$550

Jim Ruff spoke to the WildLife Batman. They are excited about participating. The Boy Scouts will be handling the food and will turn in their receipts on Saturday.

The Environmental Commission will check on the status of the current eagle scout project involving clearing part of the nature center.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2012.

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca