

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION JUNE 28, 2012

Chairman James Ruff called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 and Peter Garvey.

The minutes of the May 24, 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.

The Commission has not heard anything further on the eagle scout project and the cleaning of the nature preserve.

Kevin Avery advised that he saw the eagles as recently as last weekend.

Steve and Linda Quinn advised that they were unable to attend the meeting but sent an email with some inquiries as follows: "Just want to submit that Linda and I are in full support of Bergen County Audubon's initiative to get buoys out in Overpeck Creek to better define the state's do not disturb zone on the creek and protect the nesting pair and their young from disturbance by boat traffic. I think, even if the nesting season is nearly over, it's really important to get them out there and later in the late summer/early fall is the time when they can be placed without the danger of disturbing any nesting activities.

Also, Linda and I were walking down on the RP bike path down behind Scott Court and noted that there is an environmental hazard sign attached to the fence that secures the route 95 easement. The sign is placed indicating that the drainage waterway is somehow toxic and should not be approached. I'm wondering what that is all about and, if it is an environmental issue in RP, why hasn't the RPEC been notified and informed of the condition and actions to be taken to resolve it. Does anyone on the Board have any information on this condition.

Also would like to know any further information on the NYRA and their utilization of the County Park Waters and any further plans for regattas."

The Commission members present were going down to view the sign immediately after the meeting.

Future Activities:

The Commission has tentatively scheduled the next tree and nature walk for October 6. Commissioner Anlian advised after the meeting that as of right now he can be available on October 6 to again lead the walk.

The next bird count will be scheduled for December 15. The Commission will check with the Quinns to make sure the date works out for them but the tentative date will be December 15.

Harry Menta will be asked to include these future activities in the next newsletter scheduled for the early fall.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2012.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca