

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
August 26, 2004**

Chairman Jim Ruff called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 on the 29th day of December, 2003, and to the Star-Ledger on the 29th day of December, 2003. Members present were: Jim Ruff, Madeline Cappucio, Barbara Frimmer and Dana Moaven. Kathy Jacob left a message that she was ill and could not attend the meeting.

The minutes of the May, June and July, 2004, meetings were approved. There are only notes for the July meeting as it was cancelled.

Jim Ruff said that he has been trying to get in touch with Mr. Rogers to complete the Dave Street grant but has not been able to reach him at the telephone number that he has. He will try to complete this application as the deadline has passed.

Barbara Frimmer passed on a message from attorney Martin Durkin regarding the plans for Overpeck Park and that Mr. Durkin would like the Commission to get more involved in these plans. Jim Ruff said that the Commission must keep a close watch on this project, probably by a professional hired as well. He believes that money was put aside for this purpose. Jim Ruff said he does not feel that the Environmental Commission is qualified to comment on this issue and a professional should be used to review these plans.

Madelaine Cappucio said that the feeding of birds in the winter months is completely different than in the warmer months and volunteered to write an article for the next newsletter regarding this.

A letter was sent on June 24, 2004, to Dr. Richardson, the Board of Education and Sister Patricia regarding the use of polystyrene products in the schools and suggesting alternate products that are better for the environment.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Anlian