

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
February 22, 2007**

Steve Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006, and to the Star-Ledger on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2006. Members present were: Barbara Frimmer, Steve Quinn and Madelaine Cappuccio. Jim Ruff, Linda Quinn, Kathy Jacob and Maureen Nassan could not attend the meeting.

The minutes of the December 11, 2006, meeting were approved.

Barbara Frimmer reported that the bags were delivered to the schools to be decorated and distributed before Earth Day. Labels were ordered to put on the bags giving the location and time of Earth Day. Madelaine Cappuccio and Barbara Frimmer went to Roosevelt School to take pictures of students making the bags. Barbara also advised that she would be away for Earth Day this year.

Steve Quinn questioned if the Commission had received any response from the Mayor and Board of Commissioners or County regarding the January 9, 2007, concerning the county park. No response has been received to date. The Commission will check with Commissioner Anlian to see if the Board of Commissioners has gotten a response from the County on the park. If not, the Commission will send a letter asking the County about setting up a meeting to discuss the park.

The Commission sent a letter to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners advising that it is against aerial and general pesticide spraying. Steve Quinn said the Commission is concerned whenever scurge is sprayed and not necessarily all the spraying done by the county. The Commission can request specific spraying if they feel there is a problem such as stagnant water. Steve said the Commission could also request mosquito fish for stagnant water. Barbara Frimmer said she noticed some stagnant water along the bicycle path while walking. She will check on this again.

Steve Quinn is working on two signs for McGowan and Riverfront Park. He will send a description of these signs to members for review when available.

A discussion was held on purchasing some canvas bags to use as give-aways at Earth Day. A display board could be made up promoting the use of these reusable bags over paper and plastic bags. Barbara DeLuca will look into ordering these bags for Earth Day.

There was also a discussion about the food table at Earth Day. This year the Commission will see if the Boy Scouts would like to handle the food as they need to raise money for a big wilderness trip this year in the Florida Keys. Since the Earth Day celebration is a different weekend this year, the Boy Scouts are available to work this year. Steve Quinn will check with the scouts.

Madelaine Cappuccio has made arrangements with Dr. Dubious and the Agnostics to provide music this year. Funds need to be encumbered for the band and the reptile show. Madelaine will get these figures to Barbara DeLuca so the funds can be encumbered.

The Commission discussed how more active members and associates are needed. Steve Quinn said he would talk to a few people to see if they are interested.

The next meeting is scheduled is for Thursday, March 22, 2007.

The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca