

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
September 23, 2004**

Chairman Jim Ruff called the meeting to order at 7:25 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, Barbara Frimmer, Dana Moaven, Maureen Nassan, Linda Quinn and Steve Quinn. Kathy Jacob left a message that she was ill and could not attend the meeting. Madelaine Cappucio also left a message that she was unable to attend the meeting.

The minutes of the August 26, 2004, meeting were approved.

Jim Ruff advised that he was finally able to complete the paperwork for the Dave Street grant. There are no outstanding grants at this time.

This year will be the 35th anniversary of Earth Day. Maureen Nassan and Jim Ruff will work on finding out the tide schedule so that a date can be picked for the celebration. The public school spring break will be April 25-29. Maureen will contact John O'Grady from baseball to see when the opening day parade is to try to avoid any major conflicts.

Bruce Herrick has offered his assistance at this event, as well as other environmental projects. He will be sent a memo asking for the following information:

- 1) price for making birdhouses and if he intends on letting them paint them at Earth Day
- 2) price for wooden sign and what support he needs and if he plans on using community service kids
- 3) info and price on Indian program
- 4) advising that we are interested in using his games and need to know if we need to get people to work the games or if he has people in mind.

It was suggested the contests should be run in the schools to encourage participation in Earth Day. Some suggestions were battery collections, posters, etc. This will be discussed further at a future meeting. Maureen suggested joining forces with the Shade Tree Commission and splitting the costs of prizes.

Once dates and plans are finalized, a letter should be sent to the schools encouraging their participation as well as notices to the newspapers and cable channels.

It was suggested that the Commission should advertise the telephone number for Teterboro noise complaints as well as the environmental number (for smells, smoke, etc.) in the next newsletter.

Maureen Nassan would also like to schedule a clean-up day. PSE&G donates supplies for these days. This could be a good project for the local boy and girl scouts. Riverside Park would be an excellent project to involve the scouts in.

The Commission needs to get a copy of its budget from the Clerk's Office.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Anlian