

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012 (IF NEEDED)

MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NOVEMBER 25, 2012

Chairman James Ruff called the meeting to order at 8:15 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, Peter Garvey, Harry Menta, Linda and Steve Quinn. Commissioner John Anlian stopped by the meeting.

The minutes of the September 27, 2012 and October 25, 2012, meetings were approved.

Old Business: Steve Quinn is working on the illustrations for the interpretive signs. He has at least six done. Kevin Avery and Harry Menta will assist in the text for the signs. Commissioner Anlian told the EC to go ahead with the project and commit with the company to make the signs. Jim Ruff will act as Project Manager for the signs.

NYRA – There is no new information. There was an email that went out about the eagles.

A motion was made by Steve Quinn and seconded by Harry Menta approving Resolution No. 2012-2 encouraging the use of low speed vehicles as alternates to the use of automobiles for local use within the Village of Ridgefield Park. All were in favor. The final version of the resolution will be emailed to all members so it can be signed at the next meeting.

Nick Gerken finished the final step of the planting of the nature preserve. The Patriot will be doing a story on the project. The Environmental Commission would like to see a simple sign on the nature preserve advising people not to disturb or damage the newly planted trees, no unleashed dogs permitted; no dumping, fires, littering, pets, no motorized vehicles, for nature study and passive appreciation only, outdoor appreciation only, etc. Steve will work with Kevin Avery on proper wording for this sign.

Jim Ruff will continue research of a replacement dock. He will email the information he has on the floating dock to Commissioner Anlian so he can discuss it with Alan O'Grady and Commissioner MacNeill.

New Business: Reappointments are due in the Clerk's Office in December. There is an opening for the second alternate. Steve Quinn will speak to someone who might be interested.

Future Activities: The next bird count will be scheduled for December 15 from 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The group will meet at 7:00 a.m. at McGowan Park and 9:00 a.m. at the County Pavilion. Harry Menta sent information to the Patriot. Flyers will go out in the schools.

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The meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca