

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2011

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
September 22, 2011**

Chairman James Ruff called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 and the Newark Star Ledger on the 29th day of December, 2010. Members present were: James Ruff, Steve Quinn and Linda Quinn. Also present at the meeting was Kevin Avery, Peter Garvey and Harry Menta. Commissioner Anlian also stopped by briefly.

The minutes of the June 23, 2011, meeting were approved.

Old Business: The street fair is scheduled for October 29, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Jim Ruff will contact Dominick Frontera of the Business Association to see about getting a table for the Environmental Commission. Linda and Steve Quinn will be away then but will give the Commission the materials they have for the table. Next month the Commission will work out a schedule for manning the table at the street fair. Harry Menta and Peter Garvey are available. Jim Ruff will create an intake sheet for the day.

The Commission will schedule a reorganization meeting for November 17. New members need to be appointed. Harry Menta said that he will set up an email address for the Commission.

The Commission is actively moving on the interpretive signs. Steve Quinn will work on the artwork for the signs and recirculate the mail about what will be on the sign. McGowan Park should have two signs and Riverfront Park should also have two signs. \$5,000.00 will be encumbered for the signs for this year.

October 8 will be the tree walk. John Anlian will lead the walk. Jim Ruff will see if the Shade Tree Commission would like to jointly sponsor this event. The bird count will be held in the winter and spring. Harry Menta will write up something for the Patriot and the webpage. John Anlian will advise Harry when and where the walk will start.

Some ideas for one day events were briefly discussed: Christmas bird count – could possibly do this in conjunction with the Bergen County Audubon Society. December 17 is a possible date for this. \$200 will be encumbered for registration fees for this activity. The nature preserve could also be another spot where an activity such as a clean-up could take place. This would be a good eagle scout project.

The Commission will advise Nicole Cerniglia, the Environmental Club advisor, of dates of all activities in case the high school would like to participate in any events.

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The meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca