

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
APRIL 28, 2005**

Vice Chairman Maureen Nassan called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 on the 31st day of December, 2004, and to the Star-Ledger on the 31st day of December, 2004. Members present were: Jim Ruff, Madelaine Cappucio, Barbara Frimmer, Dana Moaven, Maureen Nassan and Linda Quinn. Kathy Jacob and Steve Quinn could not make the meeting.

The minutes of the March 24, 2005, meeting were approved.

Checks for payment to Risky Business, Mercer County Wildlife and Snakes and Scales were given to members to distribute on Earth Day. Everything seems to be ready for Earth Day. Maureen Nassan and Barbara Frimmer got the food for Earth Day. If the weather is bad and there is a lot of leftover food, Maureen will return it to Costco.

The Riverkeeper listed Ridgefield Park's Earth Day Celebration on their website. Jim Ruff spoke with the Riverkeeper and he will be bringing boats as will the HMC depending on the weather. Gwynyth Moaven has made three 28" x 22" signs directing people to Earth Day. Dana Moaven also has information to distribute on the sky. The Mosquito Commission, Shade Tree Commission, library and Ambulance Corps. will also host a table. The schools will also be displaying works from the students.

Maureen Nassan will bring a scale and make a chart for the battery contest. Members should meet by the DPW at 10:00 a.m. to set up. The insurance certificate and permit were given to the Building Department for the banner. It should have been hung from April 25 – April 30; however, it was not put up.

Bruce Herrick made two games to be used at Earth Day as well as a sign for the Commission to be used at various public events and in the July 4th parade. Members will stop by to see the sign after the meeting. The sign needs to be picked up on Friday and delivered to the DPW. Jim Ruff will look into this. The buttons will be in on Friday and dropped off to Jim Ruff.

Maureen Nassan will get fliers to Jim Ruff to drop off by the soccer and baseball fields on Saturday to remind people to come to Earth Day. Information was already sent to the Bergen News and the Record and placed on the Village Message Board and the cable message board.

The grant for the calendar was approved. Members should begin to think of topics for the calendar. The Shade Tree Commission would like to either put a tree on each month as a silhouette or take a month or two of their own. Dana Moaven feels that animals and flowers should also be included on the calendar. Jim Ruff said that everyone needs to remember this is an Environmental Calendar.

Maureen Nassan said that the calendar needs to go to print by December. She said that whenever members have any pictures or text they would like included they should drop it off to her mother's house so she can have the printer begin the layout. Members should look for old pictures of Ridgefield Park to be included. Madelaine Cappucio thought it would be a good idea to include some old pictures/postcards of Ridgefield Park as a resort town.

Maureen Nassan brought the signed voucher from Second Nature Landscapes in the amount of \$3,400.00. The planting is done and the voucher will be turned in for payment.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca