

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MAY 26, 2005**

Chairman Jim Ruff 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 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 and Maureen Nassan. Linda Quinn, Kathy Jacob and Steve Quinn could not make the meeting.

A motion was made by Barbara Frimmer and seconded by Dana Moaven to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2005, meeting with the correction that Gwynyth Moaven made the signs and not Dana Moaven.

A letter was received from Mayor Fosdick commending the Environmental Commission on the Earth Day celebration.

The Commission also received information from the DOT regarding the widening of the Hendricks Causeway Bridge. The DOT is applying for a permit and must notify the Village that they plan on doing this work. The Commission does not see any problem with this.

The Commission needs to adopt a resolution for the DEP to complete the calendar grant application. A motion was made by Maureen Nassan and seconded by Jim Ruff to approve the grant between the New Jersey DEP (#ES05-006) and the Commission. All were in favor of this motion. The current application needs to be completed by June 30.

A discussion was held on plans for the calendar. Maureen Nassan has spoken with the consultant and everything needs to go to print by December. Each member will have to take two months. Members should send any information as they get it to Maureen so that she can forward it to the consultant to begin work. The consultant wondered if advertisements could be sold so that more calendars can be printed. The Commission thinks there might be a problem in selling advertisements and whether or not the Commission is permitted to raise funds.

It was suggested that maybe the DPW could put in some information as to leaf recycling and the dates it is done, etc. There are already some pictures available to put in the calendar. Maureen will take pictures of the parks. The Shade Tree Commission will do one month about trees. Any article that is environmental themed is acceptable.

Maureen would like to get cleanup dates from the Riverkeeper as well as the bird counts. She will contact Lisa Ryan for a schedule. Linda and Steve Quinn will be asked to do a page as well.

Barbara Frimmer will contact the schools to get information on their Environmental Clubs. She will contact Principal Christopher Onorato at Grant School to see if he can provide this information.

Harry Kissileff of the Teaneck Environmental Commission contacted Jim Ruff in January to see if Ridgefield Park had any interested in setting up a joint composting site in Overpeck Park. Jim sent a memo to Alan O'Grady and Commissioner Anlian on January 30 asking for their comments. He has not received a reply from them. Jim will email Harry Kissileff and copy Commissioner Anlian and Alan O'Grady that he is still awaiting a reply.

A motion was made by Barbara Frimmer and seconded by Madelaine Cappucio to pay a voucher in the amount of \$266.97 for food for the Earth Day celebration. All were in favor of this motion.

Jim Ruff has the sign made by Bruce Herrick that was used for Earth Day. The sign needs to be completed and will not be available for use in this July 4th parade. The Commission discussed asking the high school if they would be interested in staining and painting the sign as a class project for the next school year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca