

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M.
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GREEN TEAM MEETING)**

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

Vice Chairperson Leslie Olson called the meeting to order at 7:50 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 published in The Record and sent to the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Members present were: Peggy Conversano, Harry Menta, Leslie Olson, Mark Olson, Jin Ah Jong and Asai Maschang. Not Present: Guillermo Lopez-Acosta, Joseph D'Angeli, Linda Quinn, Stephen Quinn, Gloria Rivera, James Ruff. Non-members Present: none. Commissioner John Anlian was present.

Hearing of Citizens: None.

A motion was made by Mark Olson and seconded by Peggy Conversano, approving the minutes of the August 24, 2017, meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Approval of Bills: No new bills were submitted.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Old Business:

Fishing Derby: The date has been set for November 4 with a rain date of November 5. It will be held at Riverside Park from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Leslie Olson said she had a blurb put in the middle of the EC website advertising the fishing derby to run from now until the day of the derby. It will also run on the Village message board. Leslie got the proper dimensions for a banner to run across Main Street and she will contact Riedel Sign Co., in Little Ferry to get more information about having two banners made. She will find out the cost and how to send them the information. John Anlian said the big banner should have all info and then a small banner so the date can be changed every year. Her intention is to take a copy of the Village newsletter and send it to Bogota's GT to advertise it. She is also willing to see if anyone here is interested in working on a flyer to hang in the stores and distribute in the schools. Peggy Conversano will do a flyer if Leslie sends her the content. Leslie said her intention is to run a message on the board and make it slightly different every week so people continue to read it. Harry Menta did a news release for the newsletter. Participants only need a registration if they are 16 and older. No license is needed. John Anlian said the website needs more pictures on it.

He feels it is boring without many pictures on it. Leslie said there needs to be a coordinator of the EC and GT to work with Pave for advertising. There should be a single person working with Pave so he is not swamped with postings.. John Anlian asked Harry Menta to do this for the EC.

Members should be there by 9:00 a.m. for set-up. Members should email Steve Quinn if they are available so Steve can keep a list of who is available. Sergio said he does not know how many volunteers he will be able to bring. Leslie said she will email the boy scouts to see if they have any volunteers available.

Bat Walk: The bat walk hosted by Joe D'Angeli was exceptional and well attended. Joe organized it at the last minute and always makes it a great experience because of how he involves his audience. There were a good number of big brown bats for everyone to see. John Anlian said this would be good to be on the EC website.

Mark said the foot of Brinkerhoff would be a great place to put a bat house. Peggy said she still has two bat houses in her garage that she would love to see installed somewhere. Mark said the poles needed to properly install the bat houses are sold at Bergen Fence. Mark said that maybe later on the EC should put together a "bat team" to install more bat houses.

Joe pointed out a lot of the good facts about bats. John Anlian suggested from now on every newsletter should have a "bat fact" in the corner. One bat can eat 1,000 mosquitoes in an hour and they typically eat six hours. Put one quick fact and one thing the EC is doing. Mark suggested that maybe the EC does a bat walk once a month in the summer.

Leslie said that the EC needs more help. More bat houses need to be installed. She doesn't know how to get more help. John Anlian suggested that the EC order the pole and ask the DPW if it would be possible to get these three in by Thanksgiving.

A motion was made by Mark Olson and seconded by Harry Menta that the EC buy three poles to install the remaining bat houses. All were in favor of this motion. Mark said he will talk to Tara O'Grady and run the purchase through the DPW.

John Anlian said to avoid putting in a voucher where the individual is getting reimbursed. Mark Olson said he set up an account with This N That Hardware. John Anlian said the DPW has an account with Home Depot. The auditors don't like to reimburse an individual for purchases.

Harry Menta said he will write a story about the bat house installed at Guillermo's church – the 1st Presbyterian Church at 227 Euclid Avenue. Harry will talk to Guillermo about getting a picture. This is the church the Creative Team is using for the October 21st concert. The Creative Team is their own entity.

The November meeting needs to be moved to either November 16 or November 30. This can be decided at the October 26 meeting. Peggy Conversano said she will not be available to attend the EC or GT meeting in November.

The next regular meeting will be October 26, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following the Green Team meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Peggy Conversano and seconded by Harry Menta adjourning the meeting at 9:26 p.m. All were in favor of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca