

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES OF THE RP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
February 22, 2018**

Chairman Steve Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:01 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: Harry Menta (arrived after roll call), Leslie Olson, Mark Olson, Linda Quinn, Steve Quinn, Asai Maschang (arrived after roll call), Carolina Espin, Katelyn McGirk. Not Present: Peggy Conversano (excused), Jin Ah Jong (excused), Guillermo Lopez-Acosta (excused), Joseph D'Angeli (LOA), Gloria Rivera (excused).

**Hearing of Citizens:** None.

A motion was made by Leslie Olson and seconded by Linda Quinn to approve the January 25, 2018, meeting minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

**Approval of Bills:**

Steve Quinn signed the vouchers for the various shows/foods/bait for Earth Day.

**Correspondence:**

**1)** email responses for Earth Day:

**Yes** – Public Schools (Dyan Thiemann); HRFA; The Wild Life; Hackensack Riverkeeper; Teaneck Creek Conservancy; Bergen County Mosquito Commission (Warren Staudinger), Wanda Canoe Club

**No** - Bergen County Audubon (Marie Longo)

**Unable to answer yet** – NJ Meadowlands Commission (Brian Aderback)

**2)** letter dated January 24, 2018, advising that CSXT will submit an application to NJDEP for a development plan involving the emergency repair of failing bridge supports for a railroad bridge spanning Overpeck Creek

**3)** Appointments and Oaths of Office that need to be signed and returned to Clerk's Office

**4)** Notice from Zoning Board that an application was submitted to convert garages at 9-11 Lincoln Avenue to convert 33 residential units with underground parking. Hearing was held on February 20 and will be continued at the March meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Earth Day** – Earth Day/Green Fair is scheduled for May 5, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Show schedule for Earth Day -**

**10:30 a.m. Mad Science – Interactive show**

**11:30 a.m. Tenaflly Nature Center – Endangered NJ**

**12:30 p.m. Northeast New Jersey Beekeeper Association**

**12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. Dirt on Garbage Booth! Interactive tables, limited number of seats available**

**1:30 p.m. Tenaflly Nature Center – Rapp'n with Raptors**

**CONTINUOUS EXHIBIT ALL DAY LONG: BATS, BATS, BATS**

Mark Rust will provide the musical entertainment. HRFA will have fishing throughout the day. The face painter will also be available throughout the day.

Steve said he would work on the park plan for indoor and outdoor (depending on weather) placement. Bogota will be asked who they will be sending to participate in Earth Day/Green Fair. Daniele Fede said the beekeeper used last year is not available but she was going to contact someone else. Mark Olson said he also knew someone who will probably attend the next meeting.

A motion was made by Steve Quinn and seconded by Harry Menta to approve the agenda and flyer for disbursal. All were in favor of this motion.

Steve Quinn said we will need to make a smaller banner to change the date as well as mention the Arbor Day event, Green Fair and also carpooling or walking recommended. The Clerk's Office will be asked to mention carpooling or walking recommended on the message board as well. The Police Dept. will also be asked to put out a Nixle notice again. Leslie Olson suggested maybe putting a separate sign by the elephant statue or one of the businesses located at the foot of Mt. Vernon Street. Leslie will look around the area and bring some suggestions to the next meeting. Steve said he would follow up on the smaller banner. The banner says Riverfront Park so that is what the EC and GT will use for Earth Day flyers and letters.

Steve Quinn said he will again ask John Anlian for the pictures he took on Earth Day 2017. Mark Olson said it would be a good idea to give someone the job to take pictures and submit them to the website. Carolina Espin and Katelyn McGirk said they could do that.

The STC sent thanks to the EC and GT for allowing them to hold Arbor Day that day and to start the day early.

**Nature Trail** – Funds have been encumbered from the 2017 budget to begin the Nature Trail. The deposit of \$12,727.64 will be sent to Cipriano Enterprises d/b/a RFC Excavating & Landscaping. If the budget submitted gets approved, it hopefully would cover the first 300 feet of the woodland path, a couple of benches, entrance gate and perhaps some plantings. Mark will work on bench drawings.

Steve let the EC know that the Olsons have generously donated a screech owl nest box for the nature preserve and will be installed along the nature trail.

**Green Business Seal** – Jin Ah Jong and Peggy Conversano are working on the green business seal.

#### **New Business:**

**Sweatshirts** – Samples were available at the meeting. Members can pick from a quarter zip fleece, full zippered fleece, hoodie pullover, full zippered sweatshirt or a light jacket. One side will have the EC and/or GT logo and the other chest will have the certified Jersey logo. Members that know what they want can let Barbara DeLuca know so we can order those for samples for next month. This way we'll have an assortment of sizes and items for all the members to pick from. Members can choose one item and if they would like something additional, they can purchase the other items on their own. Samples will be available at the March 22 meeting for members to choose what they want. Clothing will be in the dark hunter green.

**Earth Day/Green Fair** – Arbor Day starts at 9:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. is set-up. Daniele Fede will be asked if she can send a list of vendors that they have invited to participate and if they are going to participate so that Steve can begin working on the table set-up for inside/outside placement depending on the weather.

Harry Menta noticed that the curbs are peeling where they are painted yellow. Some of them are really bad. It is power-washed away when they paint them. He is concerned that these chips could be toxic and are being sent into the catch basins as well as laying on the ground. He is also concerned about someone walking their dog and a dog possibly ingesting something that might be toxic. The DPW will be asked if they have any info on the paint used.

Harry also said that Guillermo Lopez-Acosta would be willing to work on the website with him. Mark said he will show them how to use the web. They will work on the website for both the EC and the GT.

The next regular meeting will be March 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mark Olson and seconded by Steve Quinn adjourning the meeting at 7:50 p.m. All were in favor of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca