

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Chairman Steve Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 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, Guillermo Lopez-Acosta, Asai Maschang. Not Present: Peggy Conversano (excused), Jin Ah Jong (excused), Joseph D'Angeli (LOA), Carolina Espin (excused), Katelyn McGirk (excused), Gloria Rivera (excused).

**Hearing of Citizens:** None.

A motion was made by Steve Quinn and seconded by Leslie Olson to approve the February 22, 2018, meeting minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

**Approval of Bills:** Earth Day vouchers to be submitted this month.

Mark Rust - \$700      Hackensack Riverkeeper \$200      HRFA \$200      Mad Science \$950  
Tenafly Nature Center \$661

Alexsandrina Mavrianos (face painter) has not returned her signed voucher yet (wrote to her again).

**Correspondence:**

1) email responses for Earth Day:

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

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

Still need to find out from Bogota who they have coming.

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

2) **Public Notice** PK Environmental that 95 Challenger Road LLC has submitted an application for authorization of an NJDEP Letter of Interpretation Line Verification and Flood Hazard Area Verification to establish the boundaries of regulated freshwater wetlands, wetland transition areas, State open waters, flood hazard area and floodway limits and riparian zones on the 4.661 acre property

**Old Business:**

**Earth Day** – Earth Day/Green Fair is scheduled for May 5, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Steve Quinn said he will take care of ordering the bait. Sergio Radossi said he can pick it up on May 3.

Leslie Olson called Reidel Signs about the banner to go in front of the elephant at the foot of Mt. Vernon Street and Industrial Avenue. She emailed the info for the banner and also indicated that we need two more smaller banners with the current date for Earth Day/Green Fair. She spoke to Marianne from Reidel, who was going to look in the files and has not heard back from her yet. Leslie will call again.

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 had said the beekeeper used last year is not available but she was going to contact someone else.

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.

Steve Quinn said he will again ask John Anlian for the pictures he took on Earth Day 2017. Last month Carolina Espin and Katelyn McGirk said they could take pictures and submit them to the website.

**Nature Trail** –The deposit of \$12,727.64 was sent to Cipriano Enterprises d/b/a RFC Excavating & Landscaping. Steve Quinn met with John Anlian at the nature preserve and walked where the trail will be going. John Anlian will be meeting with the contractor. Mark Olson suggested it would be a good idea to do a Weed Warriors meeting in the spring.

**New Business:**

**Arbor Day** – Linda Quinn brought the Arbor Day outline from the STC for Harry Menta.

**Spring Bird Count** – May 19 was suggested as the day to hold the Spring Bird Count. Members were asked to check to make sure there were no conflicts.

**ANJEC** – Grants for open space stewardship projects would be perfect for the nature preserve. Some suggested projects were: pollinator gardens, trail building, signage, maintenance; printed or online guides, maps, inventories of open space, trails; open space or trails assessments, plans, maps; multi-town plans to link open space or trails; conservation easement inventory, monitoring, outreach, education; management of invasive species; habitat enhancement on open lands; restoration or maintenance of riparian areas within preserved public open space; educational storm pollinator gardens.

In terms of proceeding, the EC should vote to proceed for the application for the grant. The maximum grant is \$1,500.00. Application is such that you do have to include a schedule with deliverables. The grant will require a little bit of work.

A motion was made by Mark Olson and seconded by Guillermo Lopez-Acosta to apply for the grant. All were in favor of the motion. Leslie Olson, Steve Quinn and Linda Quinn will work on this.

**Sweatshirts** – The order form will be emailed to everyone. 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 if desired. New members will also get a short sleeve golf shirt. Members can choose one item and if they would like something additional, they can purchase the other items on their own. Clothing will be in the dark hunter green. The order will be placed in time to make sure it is in for May 5 Earth Day/Green Fair.

The next regular meeting will be April 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Leslie Olson and seconded by Steve Quinn adjourning the meeting at 7:25 p.m. All were in favor of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca