

Emerson Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 25, 2015

The meeting of the Borough of Emerson Environmental Commission was brought to order by Chairman Tom Browne, promptly at 7:30pm. The Chairman read the Open Public Meeting Statement, and then requested the Secretary, Joan Dondero, to call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Tom Browne, Karen Browne, Vice Chair Margaret Boyce, Stephanie Clark, Pat Dinallo, Jeanine Lamatina
Also present: Council Liaison Rich Worthington, Secretary Joan Dondero
Absent: Tom Sudano, Student Liaison Chris Nedilsky

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of February 25, 2015, by Ms. Browne; seconded by Ms. Dinallo. Ayes: All others. Abstain: Vice Chair Boyce, Ms. Clark. Nays: None.
Motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Public by Ms. Browne; seconded by Ms. Lamatina.
Ayes: All others. Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

No one was present in the public to come forward; the meeting was closed to the public.

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public by Ms. Browne; seconded by Ms. Lamatina.
Ayes: All others. Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Emailed or scanned to Chairs and members.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The next cleanup date in the Emerson Woods, Sunday, April 19, 2015, was discussed. The Commission will contact Jill Blum, Social Action Committee member, of Temple Congregation B'Nai Israel. The Temple Congregation's young people were successful in assisting with the cleanup project at the Woods last year.

The members talked about the high school clubs getting involved with the cleanup that's in the planning for April.

Members offered their opinions on the cost of building the sign for cleanups in the Woods.

The EEC logo is approved, using item #2 selected from Gary Schwinder from Promomentum (Ridgewood, NJ) and using the colors submitted by Vice Chair Boyce; Blue for “E”merson “E”nvironmental and green “C”ommission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Chair Boyce mentioned the Westwood Green Screen that’s sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library, Pascack Sustainability Group and 350NJ who (according to email sent by Rosemary Dreger Carey) “share the mission to use the powerful medium of film to stimulate public discussion of critical environmental topics.” Vice Chair Boyce went to see “Disruption: Climate, Change” at the Green Screen Film Festival, that was free to the public. The brochure reads, “The film enlarges the issue beyond climate impacts and makes a compelling call for bold action that is strong enough to tip the balance to build a clean energy future.”

The film, “Plastic Paradise” will be showing at the Emerson Public Library, on Thursday, April 23, 2014, at 7:00pm. The film’s speaker is Rosemary Dreger Carey. “Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch” offers valuable insights about plastic that has been created since the 19th century. It is still somewhere on our planet, and if it never goes away, where does it go?

Two people at a time, working together, will be responsible for each and any new project assignments in the Commission. This will lessen the burden of the load and be more productive. Projects will be put on a time line.

Commission member, Ms. Clark, a Communication Specialist, compiled a “Project Brief, Re-Aligning EEC to Better Engage Emerson Boro.” Vice Chair Boyce and Ms. Clark were assigned to examine the details in this valuable information and make suggestions to relay to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Browne asked for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Ms. Browne; seconded by Ms. Dinallo.

Ayes: All others. Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Next meeting is on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers.

The **April 22, 2015 meeting was cancelled** and rescheduled to Wednesday, **April 29, 2015**, at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dondero, Secretary
Emerson Environmental Commission