

**Emerson Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 29, 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, then requested the Secretary, Joan Dondero, to call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Tom Browne, Karen Browne, Stephanie Clark, Michael Griggs, Jeanine Lamatina, Tom Sudano, Student Liaison, Chris Nedilsky.
Also Present: Mayor Louis Lamatina, Secretary, Joan Dondero.
Absent: Vice Chair Margaret, Pat Dinallo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of March 25, 2015 by Ms. Lamatina; seconded by Ms. Brown. Abstain: Mr. Sudano. Ayes: All Others. 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.

Bruce Neely, from The Land Conservancy of NJ for Bergen SWAN came before the Commission members and discussed a ½ million dollar project for Emerson Woods. Money in the budget from Emerson and the DPW was mentioned. Chairman Tom talked about future trails.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Scanned, or emailed, to Chairs/Members/Liaisons

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At the present time, no emails regarding the essay has been sent to the Secretary of the Environmental Commission

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission spoke about a Butterfly Garden Project at Centennial Park; the Key Club will be asked to participate. It was stated that there's leftover mulch to be removed. A "mystery" sugar maple tree is growing there.

The latest clean up in the Woods was held on Sunday, April 19, 2015 (**EXHIBIT A**), that displays the new Emerson Commission banner (**EXHIBIT B**) and logo (**EXHIBIT C**).

Michael N. Griggs, a new member to the Environmental Commission, was welcomed by all. Mr. Griggs, an attorney, has been educated and involved in environment concerns, and issues, for a substantial period of time. He resides in Emerson; Emerson Woods is right in his back yard.

Ms. Browne explained the essay contest to Mr. Griggs. The Secretary will send a copy of the essay to him, along with a list of Commission member names via email. He was given a list of meeting dates at the meeting.

Ms. Browne stated that the couple of saplings at the HEC's (drainage ditch) in the front row at the Woods does not look great. She took time to pull out mustard garlic. Ms. Browne said the snare traps should be gone.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Browne asked for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Ms. Browne; seconded by Mr. Sudano.

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

Next meeting is on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dondero, Secretary
Emerson Environmental Commission