

## Emerson Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

The meeting of the Borough of Emerson Environment Commission was brought to order by Chairman Tom Browne, promptly at 7:30pm. The Chairman read the Open Public Meeting Statement (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), and then requested the Secretary, Joan Dondero, to call the roll.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairman Tom Browne, Margaret Boyce, Karen Browne, Pat Dinallo, Emma Ryan, Jean Sagredo, Tom Sudano.

Also present: Council Liaison Rich Worthington, Secretary Joan Dondero.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to Approve the minutes of February 26, 2014 by Pat Dinallo; seconded by Karen Browne. Ayes: All Others. Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Public by Jean Sagredo; seconded by Karen Browne. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carries.

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

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public by Karen Browne; seconded by Jean Sagredo. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carries.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Scanned to Chairman Browne and all members.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Joan Martin Memorial Ceremony/Dedication will take place on Sunday June 1, 2014, at 10:00am, at Centennial Park, Main Street. The plaque is completed, ready to install, and the invoice #7330, amount of \$472.00, which includes \$36.00 for shipping, has been submitted to the Finance Department.

Sustainable, NJ is a program that helps towns to adopt sustainable practices and policies, and then gives rewards with money for programs. A new resolution to work in the borough was discussed.

On Sunday, April 27, 2014, 1:30-5:30pm, Jill Blum, from Temple Congregation B'Nai Israel Earth Day Project, helped to organize, approximately, ten (10) members to cleanup Emerson Woods, Main Street, the railroad tracks, and near the library. She

applied for, and received, a county grant to cover supplies. The cleanup crews have placed the blue trash bags on Lakeview Terrace, Centennial Park, NJT Train Station, and by the library, as they collected the trash. Chairman Browne received a thank you and pictures (via email), of the event, from Arlene Fultonberg. (see attached pictures)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Assumption Church, on Jefferson Avenue, was notified, but we were told that they, unfortunately, would be tied up until after all the religious ceremonies that take place in the spring. We can, however, get in touch with them in June.

An Emerson Environmental Commission Contest, in honor of Earth Day/Arbor Day (Friday, April 24, 2015), is something for age groups from Kindergarten to high school. College and adult Emerson residents are also encouraged to participate. Gift cards, for the winners, will be purchased in the fall.

The planning of a Town Wide Garage Sale, has not been successful, at this time.

Karen Browne and Tom Sudano asked to have a DVD, "Call to Life", placed in the library. Margaret Boyce asked to have the DVD paid for by the Commission. A Motion to Place a DVD, "Call to Life", in the library, by Karen Browne; seconded by Pat Dinallo. Ayes: Chairman Tom Browne, Margaret Boyce, Karen Browne, Pat Dinallo, Emma Ryan, Jean Sagredo, Tom Sudano.

Chairman Browne asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Jean Sagredo; seconded by Karen Browne.  
Ayes: All Others. Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dondero, Secretary  
Emerson Environmental Commission