

Emerson Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 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, Jean Sagredo, Tom Sudano.

Also present: Secretary Joan Dondero.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the minutes of Margaret Boyce; seconded by Karen Browne.
Ayes: All Others. Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Public by Margaret Boyce; seconded by Tom Browne.

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 Tom Browne; seconded by Margaret Boyce.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Informative leaflets and booklets were scanned to all members.

Large envelope addressed to Chairman Tom.

Purchase Order for Ms. Boyce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

It was mentioned that the Emerson Board of Education is having a Public Session on September 22, 2014, at 7:30pm, and it would be a good time for someone to be present to mention the Environmental Essay Contest. A date, for the essay was suggested – Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Essay contests can be run every other year.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion ensued regarding the large envelope addressed to Chairman Tom from: L. Uliana, 310 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652. It contained information of Gray's Iris Garden, Montvale, NJ, 2002 edition, Fundamentals of Tall Bearded Iris Culture. Ms.

Boyce said she will ask her friend, who is a horticulturist, for information. The members spoke about planting Iris bulbs in the spring, and clean ups in the middle of July to early August.

The Commission was informed of an upcoming People's March for Climate Change at Columbus Circle in New York City, on Sunday, September 21, 2014. It was said to be huge, the largest in the world.

The members decided that it would be good to have a banner about the environment for the Emerson Woods. Ms. Boyce said that we could make one up.

Chairman Tom remarked that the oil trains that run (3) three, or (4) four, times a day in Closter is more of an environmental concern than the deer population.

Jill Blum, from Temple Congregation B'Nai Israel Earth Day Project, applied for and received, a county grant for supplies. Ms. Blum got a \$300 check from the county and will give \$150 to the Emerson Environmental Commission. Ms. Blum would like to organize a cleanup this year, with her group, for Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 10:00am. Ms. Blum is also considering a photo session with the Emerson Environmental Commission, no date has been mentioned at this time.

Donations were made in the sums of \$300 and \$100, from residents, for new plantings in the Joan Martin Memorial Garden, at Centennial Park, Main Street. Newly planted flowers and shrubs were planted before the ceremony/dedication on Sunday, June 1, 2014, and they mysteriously disappeared. The empty plots were covered/raked over. The (2) two oval beds will be maintained on Saturday, September 27, 2014, at 10:00am. The arbor will be replaced at the memorial. It will be an Eagle Scout project. A flat rock pathway is needed. The donations will help

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Browne asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Karen Browne; seconded by Pat Dinallo.

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

Next meeting date is Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 7:30pm.

This meeting was cancelled due to circumstances; next meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dondero, Secretary
Emerson Environmental Commission