

Emerson Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 4, 2013, 7:30pm

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 Segredo, Tom Sudano.

Also Present: Francesca Reilly, Junior Environmental Commissioner; Secretary Joan Dondero.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the minutes of Wednesday, October 23, 2013, by Karen Browne; seconded by Pat Dinallo. Abstain: Jean Segredo, Tom Sudano. Ayes: All Others Nays: None. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Public by Chairman Browne; seconded by Jean Segredo. 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 Emma Ryan; seconded by Chairman Browne. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Browne described the mail that will be scanned and sent to all the members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ms. Boyce will take sample rocks to the Joan Martin Memorial Garden at Centennial Park in order to set up a 10' x 9' plaque that will have an unveiling at 10:00am, Saturday, April 5, 2014. Chairman Browne will speak to the Shade Tree Commission regarding the extra mulch that will be needed. The members discussed "sprucing up", i.e., mulching, weeding, cleaning flower beds, to make the area more attractive before the April 5th date.

The next item on the Agenda was the approval of the 2014 Environmental Commission Meeting Dates. Motion to Approve 2014 Meeting Dates by Margaret Boyce, seconded by Chairman Browne. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Boyce spoke with Kelly Buchta, English Teacher and Kim Salus, Student President, of the Emerson High School, in connection with Swapalozza for Earth Day. Ms. Boyce will get more information on the times and dates.

Ms. Browne suggested that tables should be set up by the high-traffic, main entrance, where items will be visible. She also mentioned that the library probably has extra books to give away and label it, "Swapatacular". Ms. Browne advised that the High School PA system should communicate with the student body by announcing the times and dates of the Swapalozza for Earth Day over the high school's PA system. Left over items will be donated to charity.

NEW BUSINESS:

The members talked about a scholarship to reward behavior to be established in studies towards environmental studies or environmental science. The Environmental Commission will save money and have possible initiatives next year.

Chairman Browne asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Chairman Browne; seconded by Margaret Boyce.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 7:30pm.
(This meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.)
Next meeting date is Wednesday, February 26, at 7:30pm.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Joan Dondero, Secretary
Emerson Environmental Commission