

Emerson Environmental Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 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, Vice Chair Margaret Boyce, Karen Browne, Pat Dinallo.

Also present: Secretary Joan Dondero.

Absent: Tom Sudano, Rich Worthington Council Liaison.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to Approve the Minutes of November 19, 2014 by Pat Dinallo; seconded by Karen Browne. Ayes: All Others. Abstain: Margaret Boyce. Nays: None. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

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

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 Karen Browne; seconded by Margaret Boyce.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A letter was sent out to Jean Sagredo requesting that she submit a resignation letter, officially terminating her position as a member of the Emerson Environmental Commission. It was advised that the Secretary check with the Clerk's office if a similar letter should be requested from a previous student liaison, Francesca Reilly (Junior Environmental Commissioner) to the Commission.

Ms. Boyce presented samples of logos to be discussed in detail, later. Ms. Boyce spoke of destroying overgrown brush near the reservoir (Emerson Woods). Ms. Browne cited that there were Horsetail patches in that location. SWAN has maps for the various paths. Posts also must be replaced. Ms. Boyce will call the Administrator/Clerk, Joseph (Joe) Kolodziej pertaining to tree trimming.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A letter will be sent out inviting the new Mayor Elect Lou Lamatina, who will be sworn in on New Year's Eve, to the first meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission meeting on January 28, 2015.

Ms. Boyce suggested that we should have environmental projects for children to do on Earth Day, April 22, 2015, which is the same day as the Environmental Commission meeting. Rachael Carson is the founder of Earth Day in 1970.

It was mentioned that there are movies for viewing at the library: "Inconvenient Truth"; "Earth from Space".

The arbor and path at Centennial Park is in need of repair – flat stone, gravel, with stepping stones. The Commission will check with the Boy Scouts for assistance.

Mulch and plant seed will be needed for the parks from next year's budget.

It was noted that the Armenian Home donated \$300 to the Environmental Commission; the Administrator/Clerk Joe Kolodziej will be able to supply us with this information.

Chairman Browne asked for a Motion to Approve the 2015 Environmental Commission Meeting Schedule.

Motion to Approve by Karen Browne; seconded by Tom Browne. Ayes: All Others; Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Browne asked for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Pat Dinallo; seconded by Margaret Boyce.

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

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 28, 2014, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dondero, Secretary  
Emerson Environmental Commission