



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**EMERSON, NEW JERSEY**  
**MAY 23, 2012**

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, May 23, 2012. Chairman Browne opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Clerk has notified all officially published newspapers of this meeting, and notice has been posted in the Municipal Office. In case of a fire, follow the Fire Exit signs above the doors to your right and left in Council Chambers, and please exit calmly.

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Thomas Browne – Present  
Ms. Margaret Boyce – Absent  
Mrs. Karen Browne – Present  
Mrs. Patricia Dinallo – Present  
Mr. Peter Martin – Absent  
Mrs. Emma Ryan – Present  
Mr. Tom Reilly – Absent  
Mrs. Jean Sagredo – Present  
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Absent  
Councilman Richard Worthington – Absent

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on April 25, 2012 by Mrs. Dinallo, seconded by Mrs. Sagredo, and carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Memos from Mayor Carlos Colina – dated 5/16/12 – Re: Appointments of Karen Browne and Emma Ryan

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

A motion was made to open public session by Mrs. Browne, seconded by Mrs. Sagredo, and carried.

Ken Hoffman – 61 Emwood Drive – Bergen Swan had originally planned for the memorial garden for Joan Martin; however, there was no commitment from the Borough to maintain. Feels this is a nice idea and perhaps we can look into the memorial garden at Centennial Park. Chairman Browne stated he will check with Joe Scarpa to see if there any funds available. Mrs. Browne suggested setting up a meeting sometime next week to look at the park, and possible locations. Mr. Hoffman stated Bergen Swan also has been in contact with the DEP with regard to the elimination of erosion in Emerson Woods. Currently there are 2 vacancies on the Shade Tree Commission and questioned if anyone would like to be a common member. Chairman Browne stated there are 2 vacancies here also with the resignation of Mr. Schwab, and Mr. Reilly has not attended any meetings at all this year.

A motion was made to close public session by Mrs. Browne, seconded by Mrs. Dinallo, and carried.

**COMMITTEES:**

- Student Membership / Programs Committee – No report at this time. Chairman Browne suggested amending the bylaws from "student member" to "youth member", due to the High School not having an Environmental Club. Mrs. Sagredo is willing to approach the Board of Education to discuss, as in all schools she has taught, there was always an Environmental Club.
- Public Information – No report at this time.
- Development Issues – No report at this time.
- Pollution Control – No report at this time.
- Wildlife Issues – No report at this time.
- Grant Availability – No report at this time.
- Farmers Market – Chairman Browne stated he met with Chief Rossi earlier today and he expressed his concerns with the location at the train station – traffic and pedestrians not crossing at the traffic signal. Chief Rossi stated the possible relocation to the Stop & Shop lot – Chairman Browne agreed to contact John Ecke at Stop & Shop, and discuss the possible move with the vendors. Mrs. Browne stated traffic is an issue every day, not just Sundays – likes the current location in the downtown. If move we would need new signage – perhaps Stop & Shop or the Governing Body would consider the costs.
- Bylaws – No report at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Broadway – Mrs. Dinallo questioned the status of this project Chairman Browne stated we would like to see a "passive park" and he appeared before the Governing Body and drafted a report – seems to be an active project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

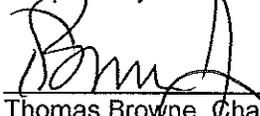
Environmental Educational Fair – Due to the absence of Mrs. Boyce, we will discuss at our next meeting.

**ADDED STARTERS:** None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Dinallo, seconded by Mrs. Browne, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Thomas Browne, Chairman

  
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 Barbara Looney, Secretary