

**EMERSON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**EMERSON, NEW JERSEY**  
**JULY 22, 2009**

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, July 22, 2009. Chairwoman Martin opened the meeting at 7:45 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.

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairwoman Joan Martin – Present  
Mrs. Karen Browne – Present  
Ms. Danielle DiPaola – Absent  
Mr. Peter Martin – Present  
Mrs. Shirley Michalski – Absent  
Dr. Phil Nisonoff – Absent  
Mrs. Michelle Pierce – Present  
Mr. Richard Worthington – Absent  
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Absent  
Councilman Tom Browne – Absent  
Ms. Lauren Lamatina – Student Member – Absent

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meetings held on 4/22/09, 5/27/09, and 6/24/09 by Mrs. Browne, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

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

Ken Hoffman – 61 Emwood Drive – Kevin Cariddi would like to address the Commission this evening with regard to an Eagle Scout project, and a non-binding referendum will be placed on the ballot in November for the sale of a paper street – known as Broadway.

Kevin Cariddi – 284 Birch Street – the proposed project – if approved by the Commission – will involve the trail area of Emerson Woods. Kevin stated he walked the site last week with Councilman Hoffman and Chairwoman Martin, who mentioned the trails need some work – the area needs to be groomed and repaired in some places. Some areas of the trails are overgrown with foliage, obstructed by shrubs or fallen log. If this work is done, the trails will be safer and friendlier. One of the side trails is in danger of being flooded due to the torrential rains that we have had. Kevin also commented on the damage by vandals to the markers and the bench, and would also like to repair the kiosk – which was a project of a previous Eagle Scout – by washing it and placing new gravel around the base for drainage. Kevin stated that he hopes to have the materials donated – Mrs. Browne suggested he put up a table at the Farmers Market for sponsorship &/or donations of materials. All Commission members thought this was a great idea, voted in favor of this project, and wished Kevin well.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Memo from Catherine S. Henderson – dated 6/24/09 – Re: 2009 Budget
- Memo from Joe Scarpa – dated 7/9/09 – Re: Purchasing
- Email from ANJEC – dated 7/10/09 – Re: GHG Grants
- Email from ANJEC – dated 7/15/09 – Re: ANJEC keep helping New Jersey
- Memo from Kevin Cariddi – dated 7/20/09 – Re: Emerson Woods – Eagle Scout project

**VOUCHERS:**

- \$406.76 – North Jersey Media – Re: Farmers Market – advertising

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Student membership/Student Programs Committee – No report at this time – Mrs. Pierce stated once school begins, we will try to get involvement from the PTA and possibly have assemblies.
- Public Information – Chairwoman Martin stated she will contact Joe Scarpa to see if we would be able to advertise the Farmers Market in the next edition of the Borough Newsletter.
- Development Issues – The Secretary stated the Planning Board heard an application for the old Tool Chest location, for retail space and residential apartments, which will be continued at next month's meeting.
- Pollution Control – No report at this time.
- Wildlife Issues – No report at this time.
- Grant Availability – Chairwoman Martin stated the grant program for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction has been extended to November 30, 2009.
- Earth Scouts – No report at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Farmers Market – Mrs. Browne stated she would like to see a banner placed on the north end of Kinderkamack Road, to advertise the market for the vehicles / pedestrians traveling southbound. Two new vendors have requested space, along with the new PNC Bank on Old Hook Road.

Green Element to the Master Plan – Chairman Bischoff of the Planning Board has requested the Commission's comments and/or recommendations. Commission members have been invited to the next meeting scheduled for August 20, 2009.

Fundraising – nothing new at this time – will put on the agenda for our September meeting, to see if we can schedule a 5K race with the help of Joe Macula of United Water.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

eRevival Contracts – Mrs. Browne stated that Councilman Browne spoke about this at last evening's Council meeting. Councilman Hoffman stated the only cost would be for television disposal – which would be about \$350 a month – everything else would be free, and the receptacles would be provided.

Borough of Westwood – Chairwoman Martin and Mayor Lamatina met with Mayor Birkner to obtain information on Westwood forming an Environmental Commission – the meeting was very positive and they discussed briefly on possible joint ventures between the Boroughs.

ANJEC membership – Chairwoman Martin stated that due to our limited budget and the expense of this membership, we seem to be getting very little in return. Most of their workshops are in New Brunswick and the Morristown area, and Chairwoman Martin will contact them to see if they would consider scheduling some of the workshops / meetings in Bergen County or northern New Jersey.

**ADDED STARTERS:**

Chairwoman Martin would like to start discussing the Commissions budget for 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Richard Worthington, Vice Chairman

  
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Barbara Looney, Secretary