

**EMERSON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**EMERSON, NEW JERSEY**  
**JUNE 24, 2009**

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, June 24, 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 – Present  
Mrs. Michelle Pierce – Absent  
Mr. Richard Worthington – Absent  
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Present  
Councilman Tom Browne – Present  
Ms. Lauren Lamatina – Student Member – Absent

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made to table approval of the minutes for the meetings held on April 22, 2009 and May 27, 2009 by Chairwoman Martin, seconded by Mrs. Zoeller, and carried.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

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

Maria Buchert – 31 Orchard Avenue – was as contacted by Commission Member Michelle Pierce and is looking forward to getting the PTA and the Cub / Boy Scouts involved in Environmental issues. Mrs. Buchert questioned whether the Borough is aware of “Sustainable New Jersey” program – Councilman Browne stated we are aware of the program – there are many steps – such as updating the Master Plan, with Green Elements and drafting Ordinances. Mrs. Buchert stated she has contacted Borough Administrator, Joe Scarpa to see if the Emerson PTA would be entitled to any grants for their Arts & Educational programs.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Memo from Environmental Resources Management – dated 5/13/09 – Re: Environmental Protection Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund
- Flyer – 4H & Master Gardener Fair – 8/15/09
- Memo from Bertin Engineering – dated 5/29/09 – Re: Turn Key Laundromat
- Email from ANJEC – dated 6/8/09 – Re: Preservation Funding
- Email from ANJEC – dated 6/10/09 – Re: Open Space Funding Bill
- Memo from Parsons Brinckerhoff – dated 6/10/09 – Re: Haworth Water Treatment Plant
- Email from ANJEC – dated 6/23/09 – Re: NJDEP Grants
- Bergen County Open Space Momentum – Spring 2009

**VOUCHERS:** The Secretary stated there are no vouchers.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Student membership/Student Programs Committee – No report at this time.
- Public Information – Chairwoman Martin stated ads ran in the Community Life and Pascack Press advertising the Farmers Market, and Mrs. Browne stated she has received telephone calls and emails from interested vendors.
- Development Issues – The Secretary stated the Planning Board received revised plans on Inserra / Shoprite Supermarkets, and they were given final approval. MSH Management, owners of the old Tool Chest location, is scheduled to appear before the Board in July.
- Pollution Control – Mrs. Zoeller emailed the Secretary photos of dumpsters, which have enclosures, however, they are not being closed – Mrs. Zoeller also commented on paint cans being stored outdoors and the potential fire hazard. The Secretary will follow-up with the Building / Property Maintenance Departments.
- Wildlife Issues – Mrs. Browne commented on a family of wild turkey, and large feral cats. Dr. Nisonoff stated the turkey have been on the roof of his home.
- Grant Availability – Chairwoman Martin stated the grant for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction program is here, and it must be filed by July 31, 2009.
- Earth Scouts – No report at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Farmers Market – Mrs. Browne stated the market is up and running – still needs volunteers to set up in the morning and breakdown in the afternoon. Stop & Shop may be interested in taking some space – to sell hot dogs and soda. Chairwoman Martin suggested having a band appear at the farmers market – perhaps from 11 to 2 pm – Dr. Nisonoff stated he knows 2 bands that might be interested, and he will contact them. Mrs. Browne also stated we need to continue fundraising in order to advertise the market.

Creative Outdoor Advertising – Councilman Browne stated the bins will be installed the end of July.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Green Element to the Master Plan – Chairwoman Martin stated she has prepared a report for the Planning Board, and they are scheduled to discuss this at their meeting of July 16<sup>th</sup>. The Secretary will scan and email to all Commission Members.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Joan Martin, Chairperson

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Barbara Looney, Secretary