

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
MARCH 24, 2010

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Mrs. Martin opened the meeting at 7:35 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:

Mrs. Joan Martin – Present
Ms. Margaret Boyce – Present
Mr. Salvatore Dinardi – Absent
Ms. Danielle DiPaola – Present
Ms. Christina Fehre – Present
Mr. Peter Martin – Present
Mr. Bernie Silverberg – Present
Mr. Richard Worthington – Present
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Absent
Councilman Tom Browne – Absent
Ms. Lauren Lamatina – Student Member – Absent

At this time, Councilman Hoffman swore in Mrs. Martin as Chairwoman of the Environmental Commission.

Chairwoman Martin nominated Mr. Worthington as Vice Chairman of the Commission, seconded by Ms. DiPaola, and carried. Chairwoman Martin thanked Mr. Worthington for all his hard work and turned the meeting over to him to continue.

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on October 28, 2009 by Ms. DiPaola, seconded by Vice Chairman Worthington, and carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on December 2, 2009 by Vice Chairman Worthington, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on February 24, 2010 by Ms. DiPaola, seconded by Vice Chairman Worthington, and carried.

PUBLIC SESSION:

A motion was made to open public session by Mr. Worthington, seconded by Ms. DiPaola, and carried.

Ken Hoffman – 61 Emwood Drive – stated he received an email from the Coalition to Save Paramus Wetlands – off Solider Hill Road and Pascack Road. The developer, Shamrock Builders, is looking to appear before the Paramus Planning Board.

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

VOUCHERS: The Secretary stated there were no vouchers.

BYLAWS: The Secretary agreed to email the Bylaws to all Commission Members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Student membership/Student Programs Committee – Mrs. Boyce agreed to Vice Chair this committee with help from Vice Chairman Worthington. Mrs. Boyce stated that we need to get the younger children involved – Memorial and Villano students – the older grades at the High School are overwhelmed with work and sporting activities. More recycling containers are needed at school and Borough fields – they were a mess this past weekend with plastic water bottles. Chairwoman Martin stated that Mayor Lamatina was proposing a ban on plastic water bottles on all Borough owned properties, and agreed to contact Phil Nisonoff at the Board of Education offices, and Joe Solimando of the DPW. Vice Chairman Worthington agreed to contact the Recreation Commission. Ms. DiPaola stated that we need to make the public aware of the importance of recycling – maybe posters and flyers would be helpful at the town wide cleanup or a craft project for the boy / girl scouts.
- Public Information – Chairwoman Martin and Christina Fehre agreed to this Committee.
- Development Issues – Ms. DiPaola agreed to continue on this Committee.
- Pollution Control – Vice Chairman Worthington and Ms. DiPaola agreed to this Committee and had no report at this time.
- Wildlife Issues – Vice Chairman Worthington and Ms. Fehre agreed to this Committee.
- Grant Availability – This committee will be tabled until our next meeting.
- Earth Scouts – No report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

eRevival Contracts – Councilman Hoffman stated there is no room for a container at the DPW site, and we do share electronic recycling with the Borough of Westwood. Mr. Silverberg stated there was an article in The Record this week with regard to Sharp Electronics co-hosting an electronics recycling event with the Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Farmers Market – Chairwoman Martin stated we would like to start the market the last Sunday in June and continue until the end of August. Former member Karen Browne will email me a list of the all vendors, and some new contacts that have been received. Vice Chairman Worthington suggested giving a discount to vendors who set up and breakdown.

NEW BUSINESS:

Earth Day – Chairwoman Martin stated she has spoken to Officer Mike McDermott and the town wide cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, April 24th.

Community Garden – Chairwoman Martin questioned the status of the grant for the proposed community garden at Centennial Park. Councilman Hoffman stated that Sal Dinardi did landscaping there last year, and will follow-up with Mr. Scarpa for the grant information.

Arbor Day and seedlings – Chairwoman Martin stated she received an email from Lorinda Walker who was trying to get seedlings for the girl scouts. Ms. Fehre stated she is employed by the Palisades Interstate Parks and would be interested in helping out walking with the scouts and describe the various species of trees and plants.

Train station beautification – Councilman Hoffman stated the interior of the building still needs quite a bit of work, and the Borough is looking for a low cost lease on the building.

Student essay contest – The Secretary advised the Commission that Mrs. Rehak is on maternity leave, and she will contact the replacement teacher in order to come up with a topic.

ADDED STARTERS:

Bergen County Utilities Authority will be holding a "Shredding Day" on Sunday April 25th.

Chairwoman Martin requested a mini grant in the amount of \$300 from the County with regard to the cleanup of Emerson Woods last year.

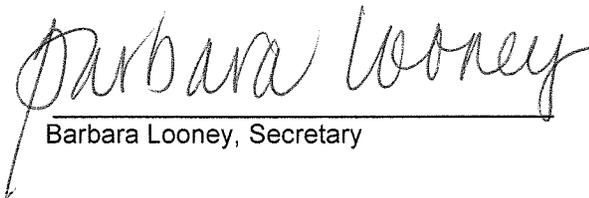
ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. DiPaola, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Vice Chairman Worthington



Barbara Looney, Secretary