

EMERSON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
DECEMBER 2, 2009

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. Chairwoman Joan 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:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made to table approval of the minutes for the meeting held on October 28, 2009 by Mrs. Zoeller, seconded by Mr. Worthington, and carried.

PUBLIC SESSION:

A motion was made to open public session by Mr. Worthington, seconded by Mr. Dinardi, and carried, with no comments.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Memo from Dr. Phil Nisonoff – dated 11/30/09 – Re: Resignation from Commission
- Tank removal permits – 129 Palisade Avenue, 10 Powell Road, and 125 Grand Boulevard

VOUCHERS: The Secretary stated there were no vouchers

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Student membership/Student Programs Committee – No report at this time.
- Public Information – Chairwoman Martin commented on the photos and articles that appeared in the Community Life and Pascack Press with regard to the Emerson Woods clean-up and thanked Mr. Worthington for his efforts and coordination. Mr. Worthington stated approximately 35 to 40 people took part, mostly scouts, and there was not as much trash. Mrs. Zoeller stated it is important to teach the children at a young age the importance of the environment and this project is well worth the effort. Chairwoman Martin agreed and will send an emailing thanking all the leaders involved.

- Development Issues – The Secretary stated the Planning Board approved an application for Grand Investments, former location of the PNC Bank, for retail space and residential units.
- Pollution Control – Mrs. Zoeller and Mr. Worthington had nothing new to report, but complimented Mike Sartori on the improvements within the Borough.
- Wildlife Issues – No report at this time.
- Grant Availability – Chairwoman Martin stated she will contact Councilman Browne and Councilman Hoffman to see if there would be any grant funds available to preserve the Broadway tract as open space, and any future clean-up projects.
- Earth Scouts – No report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Green Element to the Master Plan – Chairwoman Martin stated she will contact Chairman Bischoff early next year to see if he would like the Commission to attend a meeting, depending on the Board's budget for any possible amendments to the Master Plan.

eRevival Contracts – Chairwoman Martin stated this matter will be tabled.

ANJEC membership – The Commission decided not to renew this membership due to workshops and seminars not being located in northern New Jersey. The Secretary will advise the Finance Office not to renew the membership.

Farmers Market – Chairwoman Martin stated she received an inquiry from a vendor who would be interested in space selling ribs and wings, and Chairwoman Martin will contact Mrs. Browne for the rates / worksheets in order to begin planning for 2010. Mr. Dinardi suggested having flowers and plants sold at the market and agreed to contact some nurseries. Mr. Worthington inquired as to how much revenue the market took in this year between fees and donations – the Secretary will tally up and have for our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopt a Station – Mr. Martin commented on the work being done by New Jersey Transit on the train station, and was wondering is there a new tenant. The Secretary stated there was a legal ad in The Record recently for a "Request for Proposals" for new tenant.

Student Essay Contest – Chairwoman Martin stated we will discuss this at our next meeting, and the Secretary stated she is awaiting a check from the Finance Office to purchase the gift cards.

2010 Budget – The Commission reviewed the budget, and the following will be submitted for consideration:

- \$2,735.00 – Salary
- 100.00 – Advertising
- 100.00 – Printing
- 100.00 – Office supplies
- 140.00 – Professional Association dues
- 40.00 – Miscellaneous
- 100.00 – Essay contest

ADDED STARTERS:

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Martin, Chairwoman



Barbara Looney, Secretary