

EMERSON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
MAY 28, 2008

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Vice Chairwoman Lorraine Zoeller 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.

ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Joan Martin – Absent
Mrs. Karen Browne – Present
Mr. Tom Browne – Present
Mr. Bob Cohen – Present
Ms. Danielle DiPaola – Absent
Mr. Peter Martin – Present
Mr. Richard Worthington – Absent
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Present
Councilman Ken Hoffman – Present
Ms. Lauren Lamatina – Student Member – Present

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on April 23, 2008 by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Browne, and carried.

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Memo from Maser Consulting – dated 4/23/08 – Re: Home for the Armenian Aged
- ANJEC workshop – Scholarships for Rain Garden Symposium 5/29 & 5/30
- ANJEC workshop – Environmental Commission Training Webinars – 6/11, 6/18, and 6/25
- ANJEC workshop – Clean Energy Program – 6/10
- ANJEC workshop – PlanSmart NJ Climate Change – 6/13
- Bergen Swan – Rain Garden – 5/18 and 6/8
- Open Space Momentum – Spring 2008
- The Recycling Bin – Spring 2008

COMMITTEES:

- Student Membership / Programs – no report at this time.
- Newsletter & Public Information – Mr. Martin reminded the Commission members of the town picnic scheduled for Saturday, May 31st – rain date Sunday, June 1st – and encouraged member participation, as a table will be set up in front of the library, with flyers / presentation boards for the farmers market, recycling, and Bergen Swan.
- Development Issues – The Secretary stated the Stavrou Family application – 348 Kinderkamack Road was approved, with conditions, and the Home for the Armenian Aged is scheduled to appear before the Planning Board on June 5th. Councilman

Hoffman stated the Borough is awaiting a revised plan from Burgis Associates with regard to Redevelopment, and public hearings will be scheduled.

- Pollution Control – no report at this time.
- Wildlife Issues – no report at this time. Mr. Cohen will call Dr. Nisonoff to follow-up on geese control. Councilman Hoffman walked Emerson Woods with the Girl Scouts, and noted sightings of frogs and mallards.
- Grant Availability – Mr. Browne stated there is a grant for “safe routes to school” – Councilman Hoffman stated that Mr. Scarpa tried to reapply for that grant, but apparently it must be done online, the website was not accessible at the time – the deadline may have passed – Councilman Hoffman will follow-up with Mr. Scarpa. Mr. Browne commented on street dividers, and also spoke about a possible bike / walker’s lane on Eagle Drive. Vice Chairwoman Zoeller stated there is a “grant writing library” that she will look into and email to Commission members.

NEW BUSINESS: none at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Electronics recycling – no report at this time.

Community Garden – no report at this time

Reusable shopping bags – the Secretary stated Ms. DiPaola sent a memo to Stop & Shop with regard to the shopping bags – no response as of today – and the Commission will need to come up with a logo.

Farmers market – Mrs. Browne stated they hope to have a producer, and we have a professional graduate from a cooking school that would like to do baked goods, and some arts & crafts people. The idea location would be Emerson Plaza West, closing off the streets on both sides, from 9 to 1 on Sunday. Mrs. Browne spoke to Chief Saudino and stated his concerns with pedestrians crossing and the 5 unit apartment building’s access. Vice Chairwoman Zoeller will follow-up with Ms. DiPaola with regard to a banner, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. .

ADDED STARTERS:

The Secretary stated she will be on vacation the week of June 23rd and our next meeting is June 25th. The Secretary will request Jane Dietsche, Deputy Borough Clerk, cover the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Zoeller, Vice Chairwoman

Barbara Looney, Secretary