



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 2, 2010

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, June 2, 2010. Chairman Worthington opened the meeting at 7:46 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:

Chairman Richard Worthington – Present
Ms. Margaret Boyce – Absent
Mr. Salvatore Dinardi – Absent
Ms. Danielle DiPaola – Present
Ms. Christina Fehre – Present
Mrs. Joan Martin – Present
Mr. Peter Martin – Absent
Mr. Bernie Silverberg – Absent
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Present – arrived at 8:45
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 April 28, 2010 by Ms. Fehre, seconded by Chairman Worthington, and carried.

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Jeanine Lamatina – 1018 Solider Hill Road – here this evening to discuss the Earth Scouts program – which ran one Thursday a month and was a lot of work. When Mrs. Pierce was present, the children seemed to behave better. We need to advertise the program, and since Lauren and her friend are graduating seniors, we need to find leaders to take over the program next year. Chairman Worthington thanked the leaders, and would like the program to continue. Mrs. Martin suggested the girl / boy scouts get involved, and agreed to contact Lorinda Walker. Chairman Worthington would like the Borough to recognize the leaders' efforts with this program, and will contact Mayor Lamatina.

Ken Hoffman – 61 Emwood Drive – we may be able to get a matching grant from the County with regard to Centennial Park for a possible vegetable garden, which may be a good project for the Earth Scouts. A representative of United Water was suppose to attend last evening's meeting of the Governing Body to discuss the trash screen at the site of Emerson Woods, opposite Ridge Road. The Recreation Department will be hosting a fireworks display on Sunday, June 6th at approximately 8:30 pm – all funded by donations.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Borough of Emerson Ordinance # 91-10 – Watershed Aid
- Memo from Arbor Day Foundation – dated 4/12/10 – Re: Tree City USA
- Email from ANJEC – dated 5/12/10 – Re: Sustainable Jersey
- Email from NJ League of Municipalities – dated 5/18/10 – Re: Grant Applications
- Arbor Day – May / June 2010 Edition

VOUCHERS: The Secretary stated there are no vouchers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Student Membership / Programs Committee – Student Essay Contest – The Commission discussed the Student essay contest, and based on the votes, essay # 5 is the first place winner, and a tie for 2nd place is between essays # 4 and 73. The Secretary will prepare memos inviting the winners to our June 16th meeting, and advise Mr. St. Laurent at the High School. Chairman Worthington commented on his daughter's class not doing any thing on Earth Day, and would like to see the schools get more involved in the environment. Ms. Fehre stated that every grade in Cresskill did some type of a project, and provided Chairman Worthington with a list of what they did.
- Public Information – Mrs. Martin agreed to put together a flyer & /or press release for the Earth Scouts Program for early August.
- Development Issues – Ms. DiPaola stated the contract between the Puddingstone Group and the owner of 129 Kinderkamack Road is off, and the Board is awaiting revised plans for 200 Kinderkamack Road.
- Pollution Control – The Commission discussed the need for additional recycling containers at the ball fields and parks.
- Wildlife Issues – Ms. Fehre stated she saw a wild turkey today, and Mr. Hoffman saw a bald eagle.
- Grant Availability – No report at this time.
- Farmers Market – Mrs. Martin stated she will be contacting the vendors in order to get the registration process started. Competition between farmers last year – Madura Farms will not be back. Sertino's Café, Gregory T's, and Stop & Shop would like to participate and Panzarella Foods will be back, a peanut company is also interested. We plan to start on Sunday, June 27th. The Commission discussed advertising – Ms. DiPaola suggested a farmers market "Facebook Page", advertising on the electronic message board near the train station, and on the Borough website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fundraising – Chairman Worthington stated he has not heard back from Joe Macula with regard to having a 5k run with United Water, and Ms. DiPaola agreed to reach out to United Water.

ANJEC Membership – The Commission agreed not to renew the membership for 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Chairperson of the Commission – Chairman Worthington requested a nomination for Vice Chairperson of the Commission. Ms. DiPaola nominated Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Zoeller, and carried, with all members voting in the affirmative, none opposed.

June 23rd meeting – Due to graduation ceremonies at the High School, this meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday, June 16th at 7:30 pm.

ADDED STARTERS:

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Worthington, Chairman



Barbara Looney, Secretary