

EMERSON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 25, 2009

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. Chairwoman Martin opened the meeting at 7:35 pm, and welcomed Council Liaison Tom Browne.

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 – Absent
Ms. Danielle DiPaola – Absent
Mr. Peter Martin – Present
Mrs. Shirley Michalski – Absent
Dr. Phil Nisonoff – Present
Mrs. Michelle Pierce – Present
Mr. Richard Worthington – Present
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Present – arrived at 8:25
Councilman Tom Browne – Present
Ms. Lauren Lamatina – Student Member – Present

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on February 5, 2009 by Mr. Worthington, seconded by Mrs. Pierce, and carried.

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Memos from Carol Dray – Borough Clerk – dated 2/6/09 – Re: Appointments of Dr. Nisonoff and Shirley Michalski
- Memo from Applied Earth Solutions Inc. – dated 2/17/09 – Re: 200 Kinderkamack Road
- Email from ANJEC – dated 2/23/09 – Re: Training to protect Natural Resources

VOUCHERS:

- \$9.45 – The Record – legal ad – 2009 meeting schedule

A motion was made to approve this voucher by Mr. Worthington, seconded by Chairwoman Martin, and carried.

COMMITTEES: The following members were assigned to the Commission Committees:

- Student membership/Student Programs Committee – Michelle Pierce and Lauren Lamatina
- Public Information – Chairwoman Joan Martin
- Development Issues – Chairwoman Joan Martin and Danielle DiPaola
- Pollution Control – Richard Worthington and Lorraine Zoeller
- Wildlife Issues – Dr. Phil Nisonoff and Lauren Lamatina
- Grant Availability – Dr. Phil Nisonoff and Councilman Tom Browne
- Earth Scouts – Richard Worthington, Michelle Pierce, and Lorraine Zoeller

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bottlecap Program – Chairwoman Martin stated she received an email from Aveda with regard to this, and will forward to all members. Dr. Nisonoff stated containers have been placed throughout the school.

Farmers Market – Councilman Browne stated Mrs. Browne has been in contact with several vendors – our priority at the moment is a produce vendor. Stonepointe Farms had personnel issues towards the end of the season, and Marra's is questionable.

Pedestrian signs – Councilman Browne stated the signs were returned, due to the missing pieces and not being up to standards – Councilman Browne will follow-up with Mr. Scarpa.

Student Essay Contest – The Commission voted on the top 8 essays, and the Secretary will email them to all members to vote on the winners at next month's meeting.

Earth Scouts – A meeting is scheduled for March 6th in Hillsdale at 4:30 – topic will be "junk to art"- geared for the ages of 6 to 10 years old.

Creative Outdoor Advertising – Councilman Browne stated the next step for this program would be a site survey, throughout the Borough, for placement of the containers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for Vice Chairperson – Chairwoman Martin stated this matter would be tabled this evening, due to the absence of members.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Martin, Chairperson

Barbara Looney, Secretary