

EMERSON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
DECEMBER 8, 2008

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, December 8, 2008. Chairwoman Martin opened the meeting at 8:30 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:

Chairwoman Joan Martin – Present
 Mrs. Karen Browne – Present
 Mr. Tom Browne – Present
 Mr. Bob Cohen – Absent
 Ms. Danielle DiPaola – Absent
 Mr. Peter Martin – Absent
 Mr. Richard Worthington – Absent
 Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Present – arrived at 8:25
 Councilman Ken Hoffman – Present
 Ms. Lauren Lamatina – Student Member – Absent

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on October 22, 2008, as amended, by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mrs. Browne, and carried.

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email from Mr. Browne – dated 10/24/08 – Re: World news
- Email from Mr. Browne – dated 10/25/08 – Re: BPU – Energy Audit Program
- Email from ANJEC – dated 11/17/08 – Re: Project porchlight
- Email from Tim Berdan – dated 11/21/08 – Re: Farmers Market
- Memo from Diamond Financial – dated 12/3/08 – Re: Dumpster enclosure
- Email from ANJEC – dated 12/4/08 – Re: Wetlands regulations
- Memo from Joe Scarpa – dated 12/5/08 – Re: Holiday luncheon & schedule

COMMITTEES:

- Student Membership / Programs – Chairwoman Martin commented on the presentation given by Aditi Sen, representing Earth Scouts prior to the meeting, and invited her to speak again at a future date.
- Newsletter & Public Information – No report at this time.
- Development Issues – The Secretary advised the Commission that the Planning Board approved the “Redevelopment Designation” at their meeting of 12/4/08.
- Pollution Control – Mrs. Zoeller stated she would research other town and state codes with regard to asbestos removal. Chairwoman Martin expressed her concerns with

asbestos removal at the construction site of the Celebrity Salon – 348 Kinderkamack Road.

- Wildlife Issues – No report at this time. Chairwoman Martin stated we should follow-up with the High School regarding the “fake dogs” the students were going to make in woodshop / art class.
- Grant Availability – Mr. Browne stated he “safe routes to school” grant has been reopened and he will follow-up with Joe Scarpa.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Student Essay Contest – Chairwoman Martin stated she will prepare a flyer and email this week to Mrs. Rehak for the contest. The Commission discussed when the essays would be due, and it was decided the first week in January. The Secretary will also contact Mrs. Rehak and arrange to have the essays picked up, and scan for all members to read.

Bottlecap Program – Mrs. Browne stated the Library will allow for the container to be stored there for the collection of bottlecaps – we should include in our budget for a container and shipping, if necessary.

Municipal Energy Audit - Mr. Browne stated the Borough will comply a list of properties, and will further discuss with the Governing Body during the budget process, which should begin the end of January 2009.

Farmers Market – Mrs. Browne stated we need to start planning now for next year’s market, and is waiting to see what will be allowed in our budget, especially for advertising. Mrs. Browne also stated that Oradell will be holding a market next year. Fees for the vendors will be increased - \$100 a month &/or \$250 per season – depending on the number of vendors.

Pedestrian Signs – Mr. Browne stated the signs were delivered, but were missing parts. The Borough will be returning to the manufacturer and will reorder.

NEW BUSINESS:

Creative Outdoor Advertising – Chairwoman Martin stated a meeting has been scheduled with Bill Schwartz, next Wednesday in the Borough Hall at 10 am.

2009 Budget – The Commission reviewed the budget, and the following will be submitted for consideration:

- \$9,348.00 – Advertising
- 200.00 – Office supplies
- 280.00 – Professional association dues
- 90.00 – Miscellaneous
- 100.00 – Essay contest

ADDED STARTERS:

Chairwoman Martin referred to the memo the Commission received from Diamond Financial – 12 Lincoln Boulevard – with regard to a “waiver” of the dumpster screening ordinance – it was agreed to let the Property Maintenance / Building Department handle.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Martin, Chairperson

Barbara Looney, Secretary