

EMERSON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 28, 2009

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. Vice Chairman Richard Worthington opened the meeting at 7:30 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. 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 – Absent
Mr. Salvatore Dinardi – Absent
Ms. Danielle DiPaola – Present
Mr. Peter Martin – Absent
Mrs. Shirley Michalski – Absent
Dr. Phil Nisonoff – Absent
Mrs. Michelle Pierce – Present
Mr. Richard Worthington – Present
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Present
Councilman Tom Browne – Absent
Ms. Lauren Lamatina – Student Member – Absent

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on July 22, 2009 by Ms. DiPaola, seconded by Mrs. Zoeller, and carried.

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Ken Hoffman – 61 Emwood Drive – advised the Commission that the Governing Body will be mailing a newsletter explaining the upcoming referendum with regard to Broadway. Residents are concerned with potential development, flooding, non-conforming lots, the displacement of wildlife, and the possible loss of 300 trees.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email from ANJEC – dated 7/31/09 – Re: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant
- Memo from Karen Browne – dated 8/11/09 – Re: Resignation from Commission
- Email from ANJEC – dated 8/17/09 – Re: 2009 Achievement Award
- Memo from State of New Jersey – DEP – dated 9/2/09 – Re: 39 Kinderkamack Road
- Memo from United Water – dated 9/4/09 – Re: Conservation Easement
- Email from Hackensack Riverkeeper – dated 9/8/09 – Re: Volunteers Birdfest
- Memo from Frank Boccio – Fire Official – dated 9/24/09 – Public Safety Announcement
- Tank removal permits – 34 Broad Street, 69 Emerson Plaza East, 34 Palisade Avenue, and 30 Highland Avenue
- Flyer from the Demarest Environmental Commission – Presentation on 10/26/09 on Category 1 Waterways

- Memo from New Jersey Transit – Re: Adopt-a-station program
- The Recycling Bin – Summer 2009 edition

VOUCHERS:

- \$186.50 – North Jersey Media – Re: Farmers Market ad
- 24.24 – North Jersey Media – Re: Farmers Market ad

A motion was made to approve these vouchers by Mrs. Zoeller, seconded by Ms. DiPaola, and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Student membership/Student Programs Committee – Mrs. Pierce stated the bottle cap collection program is about to begin at Memorial and Villano schools – the Girl Scouts will earn a bronze award – we will advertise in the schools at this point.
- Public Information – No report at this time.
- Development Issues – Ms. DiPaola stated the Borough's traffic engineer has made several appearances at recent Council meeting to discuss the proposed improvements to Kinderkamack Road and turning High Street one way southbound to address the concerns of the Police Department and the Board of Education. Ms. DiPaola also stated a new Ordinance is in effect pertaining to dumpsters and storage containers on properties.
- Pollution Control – Mrs. Zoeller had nothing new to report, but commented on the significant improvements, especially in the commercial areas.
- Wildlife Issues – No report at this time.
- Grant Availability – No report at this time.
- Earth Scouts – Mrs. Pierce stated we had our first meeting and it went very well – the plan is to have one meeting per month in the library, and there will be different themes such as recycling and saving the earth.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Green Element to the Master Plan – the Secretary stated the Planning Board will only have one meeting in November. This item will be tabled until our next meeting.

Fundraising – Vice Chairman Worthington will once again reach out to Mr. Macula at United Water to try and schedule a 5K race some time next year.

eRevival Contracts and ANJEC membership will be tabled until our next meeting.

Broadway development – The Commission discussed the potential development and addressed their concerns with flooding, pollution, loss of habitat, the destruction of ecosystems that currently exist – feels there is no environmental benefit to be gained by this development, and would support the preservation of Broadway as open space.

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant – deadline to file is the end of November – the Secretary will follow-up with Joe Scarpa.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopt a Station – this item will be tabled until our next meeting.

Emerson Woods Cleanup – The Commission discussed possible dates and it was decided to be held on Saturday, November 14th, from 11 am to 2 pm. Mrs. Pierce will reach out to the Boy / Girl Scouts for their assistance.

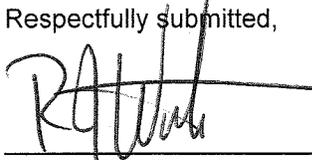
ADDED STARTERS:

2010 Budget – the Secretary will request the budget worksheets for our next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Worthington, Vice Chairman



Barbara Looney, Secretary