

**Emerson Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 28, 2015**

The meeting of the Borough of Emerson Environmental Commission was brought to order by Chairman Tom Browne, promptly at 7:30pm. The Chairman read the Open Public Meeting Statement, and then requested the Secretary, Joan Dondero, to call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Tom Browne, Vice Chair Margaret Boyce, Karen Browne, new appointee – Stephanie Clark, Pat Dinallo, new appointee – Jeanine Lamatina, Tom Sudano.

Also present: Mayor Lou Lamatina, Secretary Joan Dondero

Absent: Council Liaison Rich Worthington

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of December 17, 2014 by Ms. Browne; seconded by Ms. Dinallo. Ayes: All others. Abstain: Mr. Sudano. Nays: None. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Public by Ms. Dinallo; seconded by Ms. Lamatina.

Ayes: All others. Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

No one was present in the public to come forward; the meeting was closed to the public.

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public by Ms. Lamatina; seconded by Ms. Browne.

Ayes: All others. Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Handed out at meeting and/or scanned to Chair and members.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission welcomed two newly appointed members: Stephanie Clark and Jeanine Lamatina. After brief, but effective, introductions, the meeting proceeded with current business.

Illegal hunting has been taking place in the Emerson Woods. It was suggested that new signs should be put up that reads NO HUNTING OR SNARING ANIMALS.

The library will be running environment films during Earth Day 2015 (April 22). Vice Chair Boyce will send a letter to Mayor Lamatina, who will get in touch with the High School principal, B. Hutchinson regarding the possibility of an environmental club starting in the high school. If no interest is shown, then Earth Day interest will be advised. Projects will make students aware what is going on and what they can do for their community. The school can publicize information that will bring to the attention of

the students. The members agreed that those students getting involved in the environment will be able to show this involvement on their college application.

Chris Nedilsky is the newly appointed student member for the Environmental Commission for 2015. A list of goals for Mr. Nedilsky were offered by members Ms. Browne and Mr. Sudano:

1. Help the Commission create an Environmental Club at the high school.
 - a. Assist with various clean ups throughout the year.
 - b. Serve as a pipeline for new student members.
 - c. Participate in the Commission's essay contest.
2. Use a garden plot in Centennial Park for the high school butterfly or herb garden.
3. Replace the pergola and bench set at Centennial Park.
4. Replace the trail markers in Emerson Woods trail.
5. Install a pet "poo" pick up dispenser unit at Emerson Woods trail head.

It was noted that all the tires dumped in Centennial Park have been removed. Crosswalks were mentioned: Only (1) one pedestrian crossing sign is at the corner of Kinderkamack Road and Main Street; there is no cross walk access to get to Emerson Woods.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Browne asked for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Mr. Sudano; seconded by Ms. Dinallo.

Ayes: All others. Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Next meeting is on February 25, 2015, at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dondero, Secretary
Emerson Environmental Commission