

**Emerson Environmental Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 25, 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, Karen Browne, Pat Dinallo, Jeanine Lamatina, Tom Sudano, new appointee, Student Liaison – Chris Nedilsky  
Also present: Council Liaison Rich Worthington, Secretary Joan Dondero  
Absent: Vice Chair Margaret Boyce, Stephanie Clark

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to Approve the Minutes of January 28, 2015, by Mr. Sudano; seconded by Ms. Dinallo. Ayes: All others. Abstain: None Nays: None. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Public by Ms. Browne; seconded by Ms. Dinallo.  
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:**

Emailed or scanned to Chairs and members.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Ms. Dinallo will take charge of the sign for cleanup in The Woods. The wording that was discussed is, "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED" (with Emerson email address – [envsec@emersonnj.org](mailto:envsec@emersonnj.org) - underneath.) Sign polls are necessary.

Forms for the 2015-2016 Environmental Commission Student Liaison Essay Contest will be handed out to Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors from Emerson only. A form was prepared by Ms. Browne and given to the EEC secretary to be put on Emerson letter head. **(see Exhibit A attached)** Board of Education, Principal, and Guidance Council will be notified. It was suggested that the Science teacher also be informed. Contest deadline is **May 29, 2015.**

Ms. Dinallo talked to Student Liaison, Chris Nedilsky, about getting other young people involved in the Environmental Commission. Mr. Nedilsky said he will speak to the English teacher, Kelly Buchta, for assistance.

Ms. Browne would like the EEC to plan an Emerson Woods clean up. Earth Day is on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

Ms. Browne mentioned the Bergen SWAN March 5 event, hosted by United Water New Jersey, has a pre-registration fee of \$10.

Motion to Reopen the Meeting to the Public by Mr. Browne; seconded by Ms. Browne. Ayes: All others. Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Ken Hoffman, 61 Emwood Drive, Emerson, spoke to the Environmental Commission about a former resident, Mark Becker, who died (1) one year ago in a car accident. Mr. Hoffman suggested that the Environmental Commission commemorate Mark's name at a preserve in the Emerson Woods, since Mr. Becker was involved in many aspects and did a lot to mentor young people.

Ms. Browne considered a dedication in the Emerson Woods with a permanent sign. Chairman Browne talked about a biography on the sign. Mr. Hoffman would appreciate a ceremony for Mr. Becker.

Motion to Reclose the Meeting to the Public by Ms. Lamatina; seconded by Ms. Browne. Ayes: All others. Abstain: None. Nays: None. Motion carries.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Browne asked for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Ms. Dinallo; seconded by Ms. Lamatina.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dondero, Secretary  
Emerson Environmental Commission