

**Emerson Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 27, 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, then requested the Secretary, Joan Dondero, to call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Tom Browne, Karen Browne, Stephanie Clark, Pat Dinallo, Michael Griggs, Jeanine Lamatina.

Also Present: Student Liaison Chris Nedilsky, Secretary Joan Dondero.

Absent: Vice Chair Margaret Boyce, Tom Sudano.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of April 29, 2015 by Mr. Griggs; seconded by Ms. Browne. Abstain: Ms. Dinallo. Ayes: All Others. Nays: None. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Public by Ms. Browne; 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 Mr. Griggs; seconded by Ms. Dinallo. Ayes: All Others. Abstain: None. Nays: None Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Emerson Junior/Senior High School Key Club had a meeting May 27, 2015. A letter was made to ask for a \$200 donation of plants from nurseries, i.e. Galaxy Gardens.

It was mentioned that there is \$1,700 that can be used for permanent roots; pavers.

Capital improvement is needed for Centennial Park. There's a run off from surrounding properties, a trench filled with gravel seems necessary. It was brought up that the Commission could use some of the \$1,700 for that purpose. At the right of Joan's Memorial Garden is a swale (a low track of land, especially moist or marshy ground). On the left berm (a narrow ledge or shelf) the Asters didn't come up. This area once had a sprinkling system. Ms. Browne suggested the water situation be checked with Bob Hoffmann, Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Nedilsky checked with a young woman at school regarding liaison for the Environmental Commission. He gave her the necessary papers. Mr. Nedilsky will be going away to college soon and will not be able to attend the meetings.

There was a suggestion about getting the seniors involved in the Environmental Commission's activities.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Browne asked for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Ms. Clark; seconded by Mr. Griggs.

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

Next meeting is on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers. This will be the last meeting until August 26, 2015; there is no July meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dondero, Secretary
Emerson Environmental Commission