



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**EMERSON, NEW JERSEY**  
**OCTOBER 26, 2011**

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Chairman 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:**

Chairman Richard Worthington – Present  
Ms. Margaret Boyce – Present  
Mrs. Patricia Dinallo – Present  
Ms. Denise Lebrun – Absent  
Mr. Peter Martin – Absent  
Ms. Jesse Maxon – Absent  
Mr. Tom Reilly – Absent  
Mr. Neil Schwab – Present  
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Present – arrived at 7:45 pm  
Ms. Alexandra Reilly – Student Member – Absent  
Councilman Tom Browne – Present – arrived at 7:40 pm

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on September 26, 2011 by Mrs. Dinallo, seconded by Mrs. Boyce, and carried.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

A motion was made to open public session by Mrs. Dinallo, seconded by Mrs. Boyce, and carried.

Theresa Cannata – 132 Clinton Street – expressed her concerns with the pending application before the Land Use Board for the Armenian Home – flooding, proposed loading dock, garage, traffic, old piping, safety of school children, rodents, water retention system. Ms. Cannata also referred to an article written by Matt Russo, Administrator of the Armenian Home – feels she is being harassed, and has filed a police report.

Ken Hoffman – 61 Emwood Drive – expressed his concerns also with the pending application – property was rezoned and there was no opposition during the first application process. Mr. Hoffman stated he received confirmation that the ditch that runs into the High School property is a C 1 waterway – this project will only exacerbate the flooding, erosion, and sedimentation problems that already exist in the ditch. Mr. Hoffman requested the Commission send a representative to the next Land Use Board meeting to address these issues.

Karen Browne – 114 Pine Drive – agreed with the previous comments made by Ms. Cannata and Mr. Hoffman, and also stated she has concerns with medical waste.

Kathryn Cornwell – 33 Broad Street – distributed photos of recent flooding in the area and vehicle traffic along Clinton Street.

A motion was made to close public session by Ms. Dinallo, seconded by Ms. Schwab, and carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Memo from Ken Hoffman – dated – 10/23/11 – Re: Home for the Armenian Aged  
Tank removal permit – dated 10/24/11 – Re: 76 Palisade Avenue

**VOUCHERS:**

\$22.68 – North Jersey Media Group – Re: Rescheduled September meeting date

A motion was made to approve this voucher by Mrs. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Zoeller, and carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Student Membership / Programs Committee – Student Essay Contest – Mrs. Boyce stated a meeting has been scheduled for next Tuesday, with Borough Administrator Joe Scarpa to go forward with the Fair for next year.
- Public Information – No report at this time.
- Development Issues – Chairman Worthington stated the Armenian Home has requested their application be adjourned until the meeting of November 3, 2011.
- Pollution Control – No report at this time.
- Wildlife Issues – Mrs. Zoeller stated recent sightings of deer and wild turkey.
- Grant Availability – Councilman Browne stated there may be micro grants available for Jin Wagner Park, and Green Way development.
- Farmers Market – Chairman Worthington took this time to thank all those involved in the market – Mr. & Mrs. Zoeller, and Ms. Lebrun – and looked forward to more vendors and success next year.
- Green Team – Chairman Worthington stated Old Tappan has been certified, and Pat O'Brien of the Borough of Old Tappan is willing to speak to us on this undertaking.
- Bylaws – No report at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chairman Worthington stated the Emerson Woods cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011, and Mrs. Boyce agreed to get the Boy Scouts involved.

Chairman Worthington stated he has a person interested in serving on the Commission, and will forward this to the Governing Body.

Joan Martin Memorial Garden – Chairman Worthington stated he knew of a local landscaper who would be willing to install a garden near the Martin home in memory of Joan. Peter Martin was happy with the design, which will include 2 benches, a plaque, and path.

The Secretary stated the Borough shredding day was held on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None at this time.

ADDED STARTERS: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Worthington, Chairman



Barbara Looney, Secretary