

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**EMERSON, NEW JERSEY**  
**APRIL 6, 2011**

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, April 6, 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 – Absent  
Ms. Denise Lebrun – Present  
Mr. Peter Martin – Absent  
Ms. Jesse Maxon – Absent  
Mr. Tom Reilly – Present  
Mr. Neil Schwab – Present  
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Present  
Ms. Alexandra Reilly – Student Member – Present  
Councilman Tom Browne – Present

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on November 17, 2010 by Mrs. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Zoeller, and carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on February 9, 2011 by Mrs. Zoeller, seconded by Ms. Lebrun, and carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on March 2, 2011 by Ms. Lebrun, seconded by Mrs. Zoeller, and carried.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

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

Karen Browne – 114 Pine Drive – inquired as to the dates of the town wide cleanup, and Emerson Woods cleanup. Would like to see the Farmers Market kept at the same location, talk that it may move up to the Stop & Shop parking lot, and we need to advertise more – signage, flyers, the Borough website, banners, and press releases.

A motion was made to close public session by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Schwab, and carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Email from ANJEC – dated 3/15/11 – Re: Training to Protect Natural Resources
- Email from Two Sweeties – dated 3/23/11 – Re: Farmers Market
- Memo from BCUA – dated 3/28/11 – Re: Press releases and articles
- The Recycling Bin – Winter 2011 edition

**VOUCHERS:** The Secretary stated there are no vouchers.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Student Membership / Programs Committee – Student Essay Contest – Mrs. Boyce stated that she and Alexandra have drafted out a plan, which they intend to introduce to Dr. Taffaro, Superintendent of the School District, the 3 school principals, and PTA President tomorrow afternoon. The agenda will be very basic – discussion of possible dates of the fair, fundraising, coordination of educational grants, commitment, viability of location – in one or in all 3 schools. Exhibitors should be veered towards the parents, and thanked Mr. Reilly for his generous contacts. Mr. Schwab questioned the Environmental Club at the High School; Mr. Reilly stated, at the present time, there is no membership.
- Public Information – No report at this time.
- Development Issues – Chairman Worthington stated the application for 22 Clinton Street will be continued at the Board's meeting of May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Pollution Control – Mrs. Zoeller commented on the change in weather, and homeowners should be cleaning up their properties, after the harsh winter we had – plastic bags in trees, newspapers that were under the snow have not been cleaned up – the town seems sloppy. Mr. Reilly commented on the asbestos tiling exposed at the old Tool Chest location – The Secretary stated she will pass this information along to Mike Sartori.
- Wildlife Issues – recent sightings – wild turkey, coyotes, and hawks. Mrs. Zoeller stated a reminder should be posted on the Borough website advising residents not to feed any wildlife.
- Grant Availability – Chairman Worthington stated a grant may be available thru the BCUA related to cleanups, and will look into further.
- Farmers Market – Mrs. Zoeller stated she and Ms. Lebrun have reviewed and updated the diagram for market space, and plan to send a general letter out to all the vendors. We would like to reduce the registration fee – due to the current market situation and gas prices. Proposed hours would be 10 am to 3 pm – starting the last Sunday in June, and running until the end of October, depending on the farmers and their fall season.
- Green Team – Chairman Worthington, Mr. Reilly, and Mr. Schwab have agreed to chair this Committee, and will contact Councilman Browne for site categories and success stories, such as the Borough of Hillsdale. The new PNC Bank on Old Hook Road is a “green building” and would like to see funding from them for the upcoming fair. Amendments may have to be made to the Borough's Master / Zoning Plan, and we should check with the State to see what the level is for certification.
- Bylaws – Chairman Worthington will prepare a draft of changes, related to the cleanups, and email to all members.

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

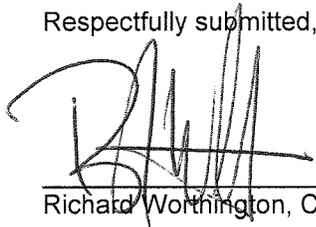
**NEW BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**ADDED STARTERS:** None at this time.

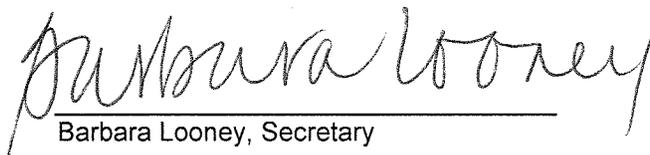
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Worthington, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Looney', written over a horizontal line.

Barbara Looney, Secretary