

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
APRIL 25, 2012

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. Chairman Browne 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.

At this time, Chairman Browne introduced to the Commission and the public new appointed member, Jean Segrado.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Thomas Browne – Present
Ms. Margaret Boyce – Absent
Mrs. Patricia Dinallo – Present
Ms. Denise Lebrun – Present
Mr. Peter Martin – Absent
Mr. Tom Reilly – Absent
Mr. Neil Schwab – Absent
Mrs. Jean Segrado – Present
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Present
Councilman Richard Worthington – Absent

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on February 29, 2012 by Ms. Lebrun, seconded by Mrs. Zoeller, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Secretary stated there was no correspondence.

VOUCHERS:

\$11.34 – North Jersey Media Group – Re: meeting cancellation

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Karen Browne – 114 Pine Drive – The Oradell reservoir clean-up will be held on Saturday, August, 25, 2012 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Pat Palagonia – 2 Oakland Avenue – would like to see the Borough move forward with the clean-up and refurbishing of Broadway.

A motion was made to close public session by Mrs. Zoeller, seconded by Mrs. Dinallo, and carried.

NEW COMMITTEES FOR 2012: Please volunteer as a Chair or Vice Chair of one or two committees:

- Student Membership / Programs Committee – No report at this time.
- Public Information – Mrs. Zoeller would like the Farmers Market to have their own email address on the Borough's website, where potential vendors and the public can access information and the necessary forms. Chairman Browne will contact Joe Scarpa to see if this could be set up.
- Development Issues – No report at this time.
- Pollution Control – No report at this time.
- Wildlife Issues – No report at this time.
- Grant Availability – No report at this time.
- Farmers Market – Ms. Lebrun and Mrs. Zoeller – Mrs. Zoeller stated Alstede Farms would like to get started on Sunday, June 3rd – and we are still looking for more vendors. The Board of Health increased there fee to \$100 for the entire year – our fee will be decreased to \$50 in honor of the 5th anniversary of the market.
- Bylaws – The Secretary will email all Commission members the Bylaws and Rules of Order.
- Community Garden – No report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Broadway – Chairman Browne stated he, Mr. Hoffman, and Mr. Schwab walked the area – the encroachments have gotten worse, since he last walked the area before the referendum. Chairman Browne would like to see a safe path way for residents to use as an alternative to busy streets, and would like to see the area restored and preserved to its natural setting. Mrs. Zoeller stated we can reach out to local organizations and schools to contribute plantings, signage, and clean-up's to create a park area – the biggest hurdle at this point, is the code enforcement of the encroachments. Chairman Browne will draft a memo to the Governing Body outlining the Commission's concerns and to endorse the creation of a passive park.

NEW BUSINESS:

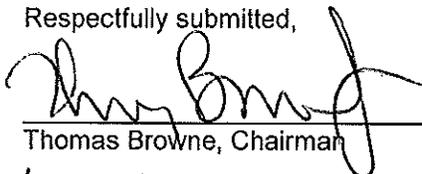
Environmental Educational Fair – Due to the absence of Mrs. Boyce, we will discuss at our next meeting.

ADDED STARTERS: None at this time.

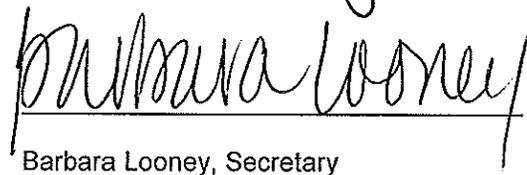
ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



 Thomas Browne, Chairman



 Barbara Looney, Secretary