

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, September 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 – Absent
Mrs. Patricia Dinallo – Present
Ms. Denise Lebrun – Present
Mr. Peter Martin – Absent
Ms. Jesse Maxon – Absent
Mr. Tom Reilly – Present
Mr. Neil Schwab – Present
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Absent
Ms. Alexandra Reilly – Student Member – Present
Councilman Tom Browne – Present – arrived at 7:40 pm

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on July 27, 2011 by Mrs. Dinallo, seconded by Mr. Reilly, and carried.

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Karen Browne – 114 Pine Drive – expressed her concerns with the pending application before the Land Use Board for the Armenian Home, with regard to drainage, flooding, impervious coverage, new piping to cross Main Street and onto the High School property, traffic, the 2 proposed entrances, dumpsters, more beds, and employees. Would like to see the Commission give recommendations to the Land Use Board for consideration.

Ken Hoffman – 61 Emwood Drive – also regarding the Armenian Home, concerned with drainage and with the possible effects onto the High School property. Inquired whether a Tree Management Plan was submitted along with the application for the Shade Tree Commission to review. The Secretary stated a copy of the application was given to Mr. Joe Solimando, Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Flyer – PNC Bank – Re: Think Green Day – 9/17/11
Hackensack Tidelines – Summer 2011 Edition

VOUCHERS:

\$750.00 – Promomentum – Farmers Market banners
 22.68 – North Jersey Media Group – Re: Cancellation of April and May meetings

A motion was made to approve these vouchers by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mrs. Dinallo, and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Student Membership / Programs Committee – Student Essay Contest – Chairman Worthington stated that Mrs. Boyce made a presentation at a recent meeting of the Governing Body requesting their support for an Environmental Fair 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, and thanked Mrs. Browne and Mr. Hoffman for coming this evening to address their concerns.
- Pollution Control – No report at this time. The Secretary will request an updated report from Mr. Sartori for our next meeting.
- Wildlife Issues – No report at this time
- Grant Availability – Mrs. Dinallo made the Commission aware of grants available through the Bergen County Utilities Authority with regard to Environmental Awareness Challenges.
- Farmers Market – Ms. Lebrun stated the market is moving along, with Alsteade Farms and the Mortgage Cake vendors doing well. Press releases have appeared in recent editions of the Pascack Press and Community Life.
- Green Team – Chairman Worthington stated he will contact John from Hillsdale, as we need a significant effort, and feedback from the Borough of Hillsdale.
- Bylaws – No report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Worthington stated the Emerson Woods cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011 and will request the support of the local scouts.

Chairman Worthington stated he is awaiting confirmation of a new member to the Commission from the Governing Body.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emerson Woods Drainage Ditch – Mr. Hoffman met with representatives of United Water last week to discuss the deterioration of the orange fencing, and the removal of solids / debris.

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.

Chairman Worthington reminded the public and Commission members of the Borough's shredding day scheduled for Friday, October 14, 2011 between the hours of 9 am to 1 pm.

ADDED STARTERS:

The Secretary thanked all members for the change in this month's meeting date, due to vacation.

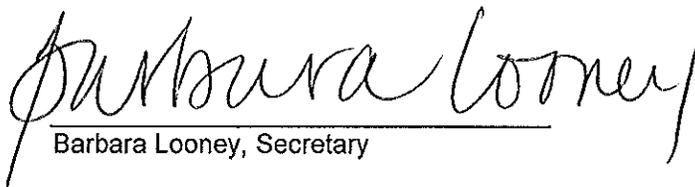
ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Worthington, Chairman



Barbara Looney, Secretary