

Minutes of the Franklin Township Environmental Commission

January 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM and the Sunshine Law Notice was read. The roll was called. Present were W. Andrews, J. Kershner, M. Lauko, C. MacIvor, A. Schmidt, P. Walitsky. Absent were D. Triggs, D. Pydeski, J. Clyde and T. Chase.

Chair Report: Copy of PSE&G wetlands Application letter has been received. It was circulated to the Commission members. Chair reported that most older minutes are now posted on the Township website. A. Schmidt reported a few small items need to be corrected..

The minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting were approved.

Website discussion was held during Presidents remarks. No further additions

No plans submitted for review.

No discussion of Sustainable Jersey. (T. Chase being our contact)

A letter has been sent to the Mayor Kramer listing our proposals for local actions to support Paris Accord Resolution.

The Commission is committed to a Stream area cleanup on April 14th 2018. Exact site still to be determined.

There was a good turnout for the Environmental Stewardship awards on November 18, 2017 at the opening of the Town Council meeting. We should be thinking about the 2018 awards.

Discussion ensued about the article being prepared for the next Township newsletter. (Will involve stream cleanup). Question raised as to who is responsible for the trash accumulating on stream the area behind the Stop & Shop off Easton Avenue since this is private property. This could be property maintenance issue, perhaps code enforcement.

M. Lauko indicated that the current list of acceptable plantings for Developers used by the Township is outdated and needs revision. Shade Tree Commission suggested as place for this to be considered.

No Public Discussion

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.