

## Minutes of the Franklin Township Environmental Commission meeting 5-7-18

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM, and the Sunshine Law Notice read. The roll was called. Present were: W. Andrews, C. MacIvor, A. Schmidt, D. Triggs, P. Walitsky, and Council liaison T. Chase. Absent: J. Clyde, M. Lauko (sick), D. Pydeski (excused, family commitment). J. Kershner arrived at 7:25 from a work meeting.

**Chair's report:** nothing, except noting a card from ANJEC about training sessions for new members.

The minutes of the April 16 meeting were approved without change.

**Website:** A. Schmidt has not been able to get onto the gmail site to which residents can address questions; if there are any, we cannot answer them. W. Andrews will follow up with Justin Heyman. The Commission needs to be able to see questions and answer them.

**Plans:** there were five substantial plans for review, which were studied at length and discussed by the Commission.

**Sustainable Jersey:** T. Chase is contacting Green Team members about their assignments; deadline for application for certification is June 3.

**Old business:** A. Schmidt described his comments about noise in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the 206 compressor.

J. Kershner has prepared flyers advertising the deer control seminar on May 21 and informed the press. More locations for posting the flyers are needed.

A candidate for the 2018 Environmental Stewardship individual Award was identified.

P. Walitsky attended a meeting on electric vehicles. Montclair is installing numerous charging stations and buying all electric vehicles for the municipality.

Franklin Times, with articles on the stream clean-up and the deer seminar, finally came out in late April, well after the stream clean-up.

The Commission is interested in how the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School is energy smart. T. Chase will invite the head of the school to meet with the Commission.

**New business:** we need to begin planning for Franklin Day and a rain barrel workshop, both in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.