

Franklin Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM, and the Sunshine Law notice read. The roll was called. Present were: W. Andrews, T. Biercz, C. MacIvor, D. Pydeski, D. Triggs, A. Vernick, and P. Walitsky. J. Clyde arrived at 7:22 PM. Absent: A. Schmidt and Council liaison T. Chase.

Chair's report: Four NJDEP hazardous substance release notices were received for underground storage tank removals, one notice for natural gas venting (Spectra), and one notice for oil found under a concrete slab. Additional information included construction of a sanitary wastewater pumping station (Pillar of Fire), a wetlands application for replacement of a footbridge at Demott Lane and D&R Canal, and a general permit application by the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed.

Discussion with J. Clyde regarding previous stream survey information conducted within the Township. A grant is available to conduct new sampling, and the goal is to find the previous information for comparative purposes. A. Vernick to contact Mark Healey of the Planning Department to try and locate historic sampling results.

The minutes of the meeting of March 18 were approved. No new website information was discussed.

Three plans were reviewed.

Sustainable Jersey: P. Walitsky reported that the goal for 2014 is to achieve a silver ranking and a potential source for additional points is a recycling facility for plastics. He discussed his conversations with All American Poly of Piscataway, NJ and the potential for their representative to present recycling options to the Commission at a future meeting.

The April 20 (stream clean-up), May 6 (coyote seminar), and May 11 (rain barrel workshop) are all scheduled as planned.

Trap Rock Asphalt Plant: A. Schmidt requested that the topic be added for discussion. Potential environmental concerns may have been odor complaints.

Community Gardens: No new information discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.