

Franklin Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM and the Sunshine Law notice read. The roll was called. Present were: W. Andrews, T. Biercz, C. MacIvor, A. Schmidt, D. Triggs, A. Vernick, P. Walitsky. T. Chase, Council liaison, arrived at 7:10, and J. Clyde at 7:17. Absent: D. Pydeski.

Chair's report: one hazardous substance release notice was received, as well as a notice of application to build a wastewater pumping station for the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Church, 510 Elizabeth Ave.

The minutes of April 2 were approved. No e-mails were received at the web site. A. Schmidt did some clean-up of outdated notices from the web site, and will add T. Biercz to the list of members on the site.

There were no plans for review.

April 28 clean-up: no rain date has been set. J. Clyde suggested that if a postponement were necessary, it would be postponed to the fall. He will have water, trash bags and gloves for clean-up volunteers. Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is arranging with state park authorities for pick-up of any large objects collected. There are also a clean-up of Seeley's Brook and a native plant planting at Negri-Nepote Grassland scheduled for the same day.

The Raceway gas station in Franklin Park was inspected by the Somerset Co. Health Dept., who found nothing of concern. (They were unable to contact John Walker, who had expressed concerns regarding the pipe out the back of the building which in the past may have carried waste.) The inspection report stated that the repair operation using the bays generates waste fluids which are collected in drums for proper disposal.

Community gardens: no discussion, as John Walker was not present. There were no members of the public present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.