

Franklin Township Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. The Sunshine Law notice was read by Chair Arnold Vernick.

Roll Call: Attending. A. Schmidt, C. MacIvor, D. Triggs, A. Vernick, P. Walitsky, D. Pydeski, W. Andrews, T. Biercz. Absent J. Clyde, Council Liaison Ted Chase

Chair Report: Letter received from the NJ Water Authority thanking the Environmental Commission for sponsoring the Rain Barrel Workshop .Three incident reports 1) concerning a transformer spill 2) a natural gas release and 3) a paint release. Two applications for wetlands permits were received.

The April 28th clean-up was very well attended, between 50 and 75 people participated. The event was video-taped for future showing.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with one minor correction.

Website: Updating of content completed, bio of our newest Commission Member Tim Biercz added. One email regarding the cleanup of Seely's Brook received.

Plans Review: Four site plans reviewed. Two involved sign variances, one for a minor subdivision. The fourth plan detailed the construction of a significant solar panel array to provide power for an industrial operation.

Community Gardens: Chair Vernick and John Walker met with the Principal of the Pine Grove Manor School. The Principal was very supportive and enthused concerning the Community Garden. Search is now underway to find a leader who can spearhead the operation. Local community members have already begun plantings and cultivation at the site.

Meetings have also been held with the local community in the vicinity of the Naaman Williams Park Community Garden.

Public Discussion: No public attendees.

New business: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm.