Franklin Township Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes June 1, 2015

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, J. Clyde, C. MacIvor, D. Pydeski, A. Schmidt, D. Triggs, A. Vernick, and Council liaison T. Chase. Absent: P. Walitsky.

Chair's report: Ed Potosnak, President of the Board of Education, would like to attend an Environmental Commission meeting, and is also interested in joining the visit to the Willow School. A. Vernick has invited him to the meeting scheduled for June 15th.

When to visit the Willow School (as described at the Advancing the Green Initiative seminar) was discussed. Proposed dates are June 17 (2 PM) or June 18.

The minutes of May 18 were approved without change. An e-mail from Duke Farms, listing seminars on sustainable agriculture, was received.

Three site plans were reviewed.

Community gardens: A. Vernick talked to J. Walker about the shed for the Naaman Williams Park garden, and about attending an Environmental Commission meeting. Walker believes that some footings, such as cinder blocks, are needed for the shed foundation, and indicated that he plans to attend the meeting on June 15th. T. Chase reported that Walker was supposed to deliver the shed on May 27, but did not show up. T. Chase took soil samples for testing by the Rutgers Soil Testing Lab.

New business: W. Andrews brought resolutions from the State Assembly (generated by Assemblyman Danielsen), commending the Township and W. Andrews for the Advancing the Green Initiative program.

Since T. Biercz will be leaving the Commission at the end of the year, finding a new member was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.