

**Franklin Township Environmental Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 6, 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, A. Schmidt, A. Vernick, P. Walitsky; and Council liaison T. Chase. J. Clyde arrived at 7:12 PM. Absent: C. MacIvor, D. Pydeski, D. Triggs.

Chair's report: one notice of a hazardous substance release was received from DEP (a transformer malfunction). The video of the June 18 meeting has been delivered to the township IT department, and should be up on channel 29 soon. No response has been received from the Advisory Board of Health about a joint meeting in the fall.

Minutes: A. Schmidt asked what RPM is (p. 2). T. Chase explained that it is the firm which developed and is managing the reconstructed Parkside low-income housing, including the senior apartment building whose resident supervisor is referred to. The minutes were approved, A. Schmidt abstaining because he was not present at the last meeting.

Plans review: one, a request to build an in-ground swimming pool on an 8,692 sq. ft. lot in an R-20 zone. The Commission is concerned about the impervious surface considerably beyond what is permitted; excessive impervious surface leads to flooding.

Community garden: A. Vernick attended a meeting on July 27 with the Public Works Dept. Victor Stevens will have the water line to the Naaman Williams Park garden installed, with a shut-off valve. He will contact one or two contractors concerning installation of the riser with spigots. The line may have been installed by now. J. Walker arrived at about 7:25 PM. He has made contact with a company who could do the plumbing within the garden. He will meet with them on August 7 at 10 AM, at the garden. Before that, he will meet again with Victor Stevens and if possible the water system supervisor.

J. Clyde reported on activities of the Raritan-Millstone Flood Control Commission. He proposed a tentative date for next year's spring stream clean-up: Saturday, April 20.

T. Chase reported on contacts with Sustainable Jersey, and on fledging of three American Kestrels, a threatened species, at the Griggstown Grasslands. They were banded by the Endangered Species group of the Division of Fish & Wildlife.

P. Walitsky reported that the school system will try out LED lighting in two classrooms, believed to be in the Franklin Park School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.