

White Township Environmental Commission  
April 11, 2011  
Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairman Hemenway called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The salute to the flag was held.

#### Roll Call

Present: Chairman Rob Hemenway, Vice Chair Malcolm Leslie, Joan Krause, Susan Mowery, Dave Pritchard (arrived at 8:15)

#### Minutes

The minutes of February 14, 2011 were approved on a motion by Ms. Krause, seconded by Ms. Mowery, all in favor.

#### Communications

The secretary was contacted by the local Girl Scout troop. They are making rain barrels and are looking for public places to install them. The school turned down their offer because of maintenance issues. The downspouts on the Municipal Building go directly into the ground, so that is not an option. It is possible they will offer them to homeowners for a small fee to cover materials.

#### Reports

Planning Board- Mr. Pritchard reported a draft ordinance for alternative energy projects has been just put forward for review by the subcommittee. Discussion was held on alternative sources including solar, wind, hydroelectric, and geothermal. Existing local examples were cited. The possibility of promoting small solar panels to run street and parking lot lights was discussed. Their use should be encouraged in new construction and developments. The secretary was asked to research these lighting fixtures.

Old Business - None

New Business- None

#### Approval of Expenditures

Ms. Mowery made a motion to approve the secretarial fee, seconded by Ms. Krause, with all in favor.

#### Public Comment/Roundtable Discussion

Discussion was held on light pollution and the use of battery powered motion detectors. More information is available at [smarhome.com](http://smarhome.com)

Adjournment – 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Greason, Secretary