

Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)
June 11, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

ETEC Members: Donna Nicholson, Donna Weiss, Kevin Costello, Lori Murray, Barry Cohen and Frank Goss
Elk Twp Committee: N/A
Absent: Phil Barbaro, Teal Jeffers
Public: Cliff Daniels, Lake Gilman Owner's Group President

I. May 2014 Meeting Minutes Approval

May 2014 meeting minutes unanimously approved.

II. Public Discussion

Mr. Daniels came to the ETEC to inquire as to whom at the Township level to contact regarding Lake Gilman neighbors' property/house that may have building code violations and be a potential hazard. ETEC informed Mr. Daniels to contact Mr. Dave McCreery, Zoning officer.

III. New Business

N/A

IV. Old Business

- a. ETEC Archives -The town uses "Docu Vault" and ETEC can archive our files using this service. Donna Nicholson and Kevin Costello have old ETEC files; they will consolidate and store in the appropriate Docu Vault boxes and take to the municipal building for permanent dead storage.
- b. Leash Laws-Elephant Swamp Trail
 - Still have some issues with adherence to leash laws. Donna Weiss to reach out to Ed Poisker and inquire on the progress regarding a dog leash ordinance sign to be posted on doggie dispensers along Elephant Swamp Trail.
- c. Member Contact information
 - Has been completed and will be distributed by Donna Weiss.
- d. Elephant Swamp Trail Work
 - Rails to Trails Survey Dispenser have been installed with surveys. Copy of survey is included at TrailLink.com
- e. Member Resignation and New Appointment
 - Donna Ragonese submitted formal resignation from the ETC and Lori Murray was appointed as member to fill her seat.

V. Correspondence

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- Call on ETEC phone line – Mr. Mike Flowers called to report an unlicensed tank trailer on a residential property on Buck Road. Donna Weiss will forward the information to David McCreery.
- Treatment Works Approval Permit application for Aura Development group was received via mail.
- Thank you note and copy of check list of species received for the Gloucester County Bird Quest from the Gloucester County Nature Club.

VI. Open Commission Discussion

- Strategic Questions Summary for the ETEC was discussed. Donna Weiss had summarized the ETEC responses to the questionnaire as basis for discussion.
 - ETEC members agreed that the rural feel of our township was key and wanted to maintain that positive aspect of Elk.
 - Kevin Costello believes education is key to getting support and participation by residents.
 - Mr. Daniels suggested partnering with groups that hold events in the Township such as the Mullica Hill Triathlon Club. Other partnering groups might include Gloucester County Nature Club (Bird Quest), Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
 - Mr. Goss suggested reaching out to local farmers to find out how they would like to partner with ETEC for potential future events.
 - Ms. Murray suggested that advertisement of the events is critical to get participation by Township residents. Suggested lawn signs placed throughout the community and use of Township sign board at municipal building.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm