

**Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)  
January 10, 2007  
Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

ETEC Members: Teal Jefferis, Donna Nicholson, Billie Chambers, Jeanne White and Frank Goss

Elk Twp Committee: Don Brovero

Elk Citizens: Steve Kozachyn

**I. December 2006 Meeting Minutes Approval & Swearing In**

- a. Jeanne White moved to approve the December 13, 2006 minutes, Donna Nicholson Seconded motion. The December 13, 2006 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
- b. Teal Jefferis was sworn in by Committeeman Don Brovero, as ETEC chairperson through December 31, 2007 and Billie Chambers sworn in as a member through December 31, 2008.

**II. New Business**

- a. Application For SJG stream remediation project  
Donna Nicholson abstained from discussion or decision on this matter due to a professional conflict of interest.

Treatment Works Approval (TWA) application was made by South Jersey Gas (SJG) to the Municipal Utility Authority (MUA) for review and approval. No specific approval by ETEC is required; however the package was reviewed and agreement was made that there was no apparent concern/detriment from the proposed plan. SJG has easement agreements in place with each property owner.

- b. Septic Maintenance

Billie Chamber will edit home septic maintenance information for insertion into the next Township newsletter.

- c. Cool City Pact

The Elk Committee approved the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement which includes 12 points to be implemented locally to reduce global warming. The Township is already doing 8 of the 12 points, including the Recycle Bank

Donna Nicholson to summarize the 12 points for posting on the township website.

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d. Arbor Day & Events

This issue will be further discussed in more detail at the February 2007 meeting.

Teal Jefferis will call Christina Christine of NJDEP to get materials and information.

Billie Chambers will check the internet to get more information on similar events completed elsewhere.

Stephen Kozachyn was in the audience and indicated that saplings are done through the Rutgers Co-op Extension and he would get information and pass it onto ETEC. In addition, Mr. Kozachyn indicated he would be willing to donate a tree for the ceremony.

Frank Goss was to check with the Recreation Committee to see if the Arbor Day activities could be coordinated with Rec and done at the Rec fields.

e. ANJEC Membership Application

ETEC is applying for members to ANJEC. ETEC members need to provide Teal Jefferis with name, address and phone number to complete the application.

f. Tree Sponsor and Bench Sponsor for the Recreation Committee

ETEC agreed to sponsor a tree as part of the Recreation Committee sponsorship program for \$250.

g. 912 Whig Lane Road

Frank Goss summarized the current condition of the condemned property at 912 Whig Lane Road. The area is starting to smell and is a biological and physical hazard. It is our understanding that the Zoning officer put a warrant for the property owner's arrest and the property owner's counsel has been asked to fill in the open excavation. It is unknown when the hole will be filled in. NJDEP contacted Teal in August 2006 but have not heard anything since that time.

County Health Dept. needs to be notified of the situation; Frank Goss to make the call.

**III. Old Business**

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a. Phase I ESA Ordinance (Draft)

Have not addressed comments to date.

b. Soil Removal Ordinance (Draft)

Have not addressed comments to date.

c. Review Natural Places in Gloucester County Book Sponsorship and history write-up

ETEC is sponsoring the County Book and has pre-purchased books. Donna Nicholson will do a write-up of the legend of Elephant Swamp and send to Erik Molenhauer.

**IV. Correspondence**

a. Communications with Stephen Kozachyn regarding former landfill operations on property Block 191, Lot 25 adjacent to and shared by Clayton Block 1901, Lot 7.

Mr. Kozachyn provided a detailed summary of his understanding of the former operations on the property. His property is adjacent to the Carbar Minor Subdivision property and notified ETEC in response to the Carbar application.

Mr. Kozachyn purchased the property (5 acres) from Mr. Pinto. There is a gravel pit that goes through Elk and Clayton, which was filled in with remnants of a demolished church in the 1970's. This is a low area and Mr. Kozachyn took a surface water sample about 7 years ago, but cannot locate the data. The data presumably indicated the presence of petroleum compounds in the ponded water he collected.

ETEC agreed to do a site visit; hopefully after a rainfall that would indicate some surface water to see if there is sheen on standing water as indicated by Mr. Kozachyn.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm

Next ETEC meeting will be at 7:30pm, Wednesday, February14, 2007.