

Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)
May 9, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

ETEC Members: Teal Jefferis, Donna Nicholson, Billie Chambers, Donna Weiss, Larry Christy, and Frank Goss

Elk Twp Committee: Don Brovero

I. April 2007 Meeting Minutes Approval & Swearing In

- a. Frank Goss moved to approve the April 11, 2007 minutes, Donna Nicholson Seconded the motion. The April 11, 2007 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Public Discussion

None

III. New Business

- a. Consideration of a Resolution in support of the garden State Preservation Trust – solicitation from SJ Land & Water Trust). The resolution is being transmitted to State Senators, Legislators, papers, the Governor to solicit support for the Garden State Preservation Trust which represents \$325,000,000 for the Preservation Trust. Billie Chambers recommended that the resolution come from the Elk Township Committee, with the ETEC support.

Teal will draft a letter to the Committee; all members voted in favor of this course of action.

- b. Preliminary Major Subdivision – Paparone Housing, Block 21, Lot 5.01, Ferrell Road & Milestone Drive

The subdivision is on the June P/Z agenda for a technical hearing. The project is not requesting any variances.

Developer who constructed Hampton Hills would like to construct three (3) new homes with individual, open retention basins. It was brought to ETEC's attention that the current Hampton Hills retention basins have been failing and cannot accommodate additional flow from the three (3) new homes.

Configuration of one of the proposed retention basin indicates there may be a hardship for the neighbor as overflow is directed to the existing, neighboring property.

Also concerned with the potential for mosquito breeding ground in the three basins and potential storm water flow issues for adjacent, neighboring properties.

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Teal to draft a letter to the P/Z outlining ETEC's concerns.

- c. Preliminary Major Subdivision – Pacilli Homes, Block 6, Lots 14 & 15 Ewan Road

Requesting variance for clustered approach. Pacilli Homes reduced the original number of homes from 19 to 18, which is permitted by the yield plan.

Seeking variance for lot size on several lots. Issues discussed include the Environmental Impact Statement submitted with the Preliminary Major Subdivision application indicating there are shallow groundwater table and a lot of clay present. Concerned with the close proximity of septic field to the retention basin.

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- d. Abandoned Car Implications in Township

Discussed what Dave McCreery relayed to Donna Nicholson regarding abandoned vehicles. If a car is in one spot and not moved for more than 30 days, it is considered abandoned. Dave and the mayor are in discussions with potential means of handling this situation; one suggestion was having the police ticket abandoned cars on the spot. Will ask the Police Chief how this situation is currently handled.

Discussions included how to handle property owners who collect cars on their own property versus a car that is left on the side of the road (i.e., abandoned). The concern with abandoned cars is potential leaks of oil, anti freeze onto the ground, and into the environment.

II. Old Business

- a. Follow-up on Arbor Day Events – Need to finish cleaning up clumps of dirt/grass around the new trees. Agreed to meet out there Monday Night at 6pm.
- b. Soil Removal Ordinance (Draft)-tabled
- c. Agricultural Buffer Ordinance (Draft)-tabled
- d. ANJEC Smart Growth Application update – waiting for response.
- e. Shade Tree Grant-research of available grants -tabled
- f. County's Model Septic Disposal Ordinance-consideration for allowing alternative treatment systems-tabled.
- g. Elephant Swamp Parking Lot work
 - Need to get quotes for materials, including:
 - Stone (Brida in Glassboro)
 - Fencing (Post & Rail, Don will check his supplier in Delaware)
 - Signs (Donna to test out wood sign routed out and will bring sample to next meeting)
 - Asphalt Millings for the trail (Brida, Winzinger)

III. Correspondence

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N/A

IV. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

Next ETEC meeting will be at 7:30pm, Wednesday, June 13, 2007.