

**Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)  
March 14, 2007  
Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

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

Elk Twp Committee: Don Brovero

**I. February 2007 Meeting Minutes Approval & Swearing In**

- a. Billie Chambers moved to approve the February 14, 2007 minutes, Donna Nicholson Seconded motion. The February 14, 2007 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**II. Public Discussion**

None

**III. New Business**

- a. Silvergate Pump Station – Response letter from the applicant
  - Letter of Interpretation (LOI) needed to be updated – New LOI was provided with response letter. There may be vernal habitat and wetlands are priority classification.
  - Depth of groundwater information provided (based on soil data 5-10 feet below ground surface (bgs), based on soil boring 90 – 100 inches bgs)
  - Only portion of property was formerly agricultural land; will sample as needed in accordance with NJDEP requirements, if needed.

Environmental Commission will write a letter to the Planning/Zoning Board with no further comment. However, letter will point out NJDEP's notations about vernal habitat and priority wetlands, as they relate to construction or future use.

- b. Township Newsletter

The deadline for submitting article (s) to the Elk Township Newsletter is March 24<sup>th</sup>. The Environmental Commissions will have two articles; one summarizing the Arbor Day Event and the other a general summary of the ETEC progress since June 2006. Billie Chambers will draft a small summary of the Arbor Day Event and Teal will draft an article of the ETEC progress to date. Both articles will be distributed via email for ETEC member review and comment.

- c. The Collision Shop Property nuisance complaint

Mr. Vaites notified Mr. Dave McCreery on March 12, 2007 of his eyewitness account of sewage being transferred between two sewage tank trucks on the

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Collision Shop Property on Aura Road. It is not clear whether the Collision Shop is licensed or adequately permitted for sewage transfer operations. Donna Nicholson will contact the County Health Department; Teal Jefferis will work with Mr. McCreery and draft a letter to the Township Committee to follow-up on Mr. Vaites complaint.

#### IV. Old Business

a. Arbor Day and Events

- Aura School Teachers (Mrs. Nancy Stolfo, Mrs. Sandra Ubelacker and Mrs. Debbie Allen) have indicated they and their classes will participate in the Arbor Day events. Donna Weiss will draft a letter to the teachers thanking them for participating and to provide more information about the Arbor Day Event.
- Billie Chamber has ordered the seedlings and met with the Recreation Committee to discuss their ideas for the event. The Rec Committee agreed to have a refreshments table at the event.
- Don Brovero received correspondence from Debbie Connors of the Rec Committee via email and will forward to Billie as she works with the Rec Committee on their part in the Event.
- Teal Jefferis will write a letter to the Recycle Bank to solicit support with essay prizes.
- Jeanne White has contacted Aura School, Delsea MS and Delsea HS. The High School Environmental Club has agreed to provide any help planting or other physical help with the Arbor Day activities.
- Donna Nicholson to meet with Dean's Evergreens to discuss planting the white pine seedlings along the strip of land bordering their property. The white pine get to a 20-foot diameter when full grown, so we need appropriate area as not to encroach on the Dean's property or the driveway.
- Agreed to move the event from 6:30pm to 6:00pm Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> and adding a rain date of 10:00am Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Donna Nicholson to work on a Program for the Event; will distribute via email for review and comment.

b. Phase I ESA Ordinance (Draft)

Donna Weiss made a motion for approve the Phase I ESA Ordinance and submit to P/Z Board. Jeanne White seconded the motion, and it was passed by unanimous vote.

c. Soil Removal Ordinance (Draft)

This was put on hold until the April 11, 2007 meeting. All members to review and provide Teal with comments.

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**d. Agricultural Buffer Ordinance (Draft)**

This was put on hold until the April 11, 2007 meeting. All members to review and provide Teal with comments.

**e. 2003 Trails Grant – Status of parking lot and trail improvements proposal.**

There was remnant money available from the 2003 Trail Grant. NJDEP wanted clarification on our proposal as the parking lot and trail improvements appeared to be the same as proposed in our 2007 grant application. Teal to draft a letter clarifying the content of the 2003 grant and the 2007 application.

**f. ANJEC**

The Township is putting in for an ANJEC Grant for farmland preservation, recreation and open space. The grant would subsidize \$15,000 of the anticipated \$30,000 cost with DVRPC providing an additional \$5,000. The application is due March 31, 2007.

Billie Chambers moved to send the letter, Donna Weiss Seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

**g. Shade Tree Grant**

Put on hold. Teal to provide Billie Chambers with his correspondence to determine if we move forward and what is involved.

**h. County's Model Septic Disposal Ordinance**

Put on hold until the Wednesday April 11, 2007 meeting.

**i. Tree Ordinance**

The Ordinance was submitted to P/Z Board. They had comments; it was modified. On March 7, 2007 the revised version went back to P/Z.

**V. Correspondence**

**a. Letter from Planning/Zoning Board Re: Sales Trailer Application for Village Grand – No further action required.**

**b. ANJEC Training Seminar**

There will be an ANJEC Environmental Commission training seminar on Saturday March 24, 2007. Cost \$30 per ANJEC member.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm

Next ETEC meeting will be at 7:30pm, Wednesday, April 11, 2007.