

Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)
April 11, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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

Elk Twp Committee: Don Brovero

I. March 2007 Meeting Minutes Approval & Swearing In

- a. Billie Chambers moved to approve the March 14, 2007 minutes, Jeanne White Seconded the motion. The March 14, 2007 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Public Discussion

None

III. New Business

- a. Gloucester County Nature Books

It was motioned that we charge \$12.00 per book by Billie Chambers, Jeanne seconded the motion and the price was unanimously approved.

Books will be given to the following at no charge in recognition of participation in Arbor Day Celebration:

- 1-Mrs. Ubelacker
- 1-Mrs. Allen
- 1-Mrs. Stolfo
- 1-Mrs. Donna Ragonese
- 1-Aura Elementary School Library
- 1-Delsea Middle School Library
- 1-Delsea High School Library

Billie Chambers will make a sign for posting at the Arbor Day event as well as for Elk Day in June.

- b. Bald Eagle on Hardingville Road

Joe Kelly sent in photographs of a bald eagle in his backyard on Hardingville Road.

IV. Old Business

- a. Arbor Day and Events
 - Billie Chambers will make a sign for the books to be sold at the event.

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- School Flyers were done by Debbie Connors of the Rec Committee and distributed at Aura School.
- The Program was prepared by Donna Nicholson and 100 color copies will be made by Don Brovero for distribution the night of the event.
- The press was contacted by Debbie Connors of the Rec Committee.
- Donna Nicholson to contact Aura School teachers to finalize time and attendance at the event.
- Jeanne White will make certificates to be given to the winners of the 7th grade essay contest.
- Aura school participants will have pictures taken that night and they will be posted on the Township website.
- Billie will contact Eric and get Gloucester County Bird Quest flyers for distribution the night of the event.
- Donna Nicholson to contact Valerie Hall, rep for the local girl scouts to see if they could participate.
- Recreation Committee to set up podium, microphone and refreshments.
- Essay winners will be receive savings bonds as follows:
 - a. First - \$200, Second - \$150 and Third - \$100. Donna Nicholson will handle paperwork when winners are selected.
- Plantings:
 - a. 363 arborvitae donated from Dean's Evergreens-Donna Nicholson to coordinate delivery with Brian Dean.
 - b. Larry & Steve Considine will dig holes along with Don Brovero with post hole diggers Friday morning.
 - c. Larry will pick up the loose saplings at Parvins on April 26th.
 - d. 1 white pine donated by Steve K and 1 maple donated by the Gloucester County Soil Conservation district holes will be dug by Delsea HS Environmental Club after school.
 - e. Teal will pick up the white pine from Steve K.
 - f. Frank Goss will have load of top soil delivered for plantings. Frank will get disposable gloves for those kids/parents doing plantings.

b. Soil Removal Ordinance (Draft)

It was decided that we need to look at the ordinance and differentiate gravel, sand and soil definitions. It was tabled until next meeting.

c. Agricultural Buffer Ordinance (Draft)

This was put on hold until the May 9, 2007 meeting. All members to review and provide Teal with comments.

d. ANJEC Smart Growth Application Update

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The application was submitted and we received delivery confirmation.

- e. Environmental Resource Inventory/Farmland Preservation/Recreation & Open Space Plans Update

No update

- f. Shade tree Grant

It was tabled until the next meeting; Billie Chambers to look at the information provided for the next meeting.

- g. Update on trails Grant for Elephant Swamp funding and establishing work/assistance schedule and scope of work

No update yet; finalizing county waiver for Site Plan submittal. Meeting this month and hope to start work this summer. It will be further discussed at the May 2007 meeting.

- h. County's Model Septic Disposal Ordinance

Put on hold until the Wednesday May 9, 2007 meeting.

V. Correspondence

- a. Bird Quest Pamphlet from Gloucester County Nature Club – Will make it available at the Arbor Day Event.
- b. KarBar Gravel Pit – Correspondence from Dave McCreery
KarBar has hired a Phase I Consultant, Brinkerhoff. Teal will handle all correspondence from the Elk twp Env. Commission.
- c. Minor Site Plan for Silvergate Water tank

It was just received the afternoon of the meeting, April 11, 2007; insufficient time to fully review and make comment. It will be on the next P/Z Meeting agenda. Teal to handle correspondence with the P/Z Board.

- d. Concerned citizen verbally asked about requirement for abandoned cars and potential environmental impacts of them.

Donna Nicholson will contact Dave McCreery and ask about the township requirements for abandoned cars and what might be done for cars with no tags, leaking fluids, etc on a private road in the township.

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Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 pm so the Environmental Commission could read; score and select winners for the 7th grade Arbor Day Essay. Donna Nicholson recused herself from reviewing as her daughter submitted an essay.

Next ETEC meeting will be at 7:30pm, Wednesday, May 9, 2007.