

Elk Township Environmental Commission
Wednesday, November 5, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Present: Teal Jefferis, Larry Christie, Billie Chambers, Kevin Costello, and Donna Nicholson

Not present: Donna Weiss, Frank Goss, and Don Brovero (arrived later)

Public: William Rainey

Meeting commenced: 7:30 pm

Minutes of October 8, 2008 reviewed and approved.

New Business: N/A

Old Business:

- (1) **Holly Acres Update:** ETEC will continue to monitor the situation; Donna Nicholson will reach out to NJDEP again in the coming month to check status of work at the site and of the NOV. It came to our attention that the NJDEP Air Quality Division will be citing Holly Acres for burning pressure treated wood, under a separate complaint.
- (2) **ERI Update:** Suzanne McCarthy drafter a letter of response to Marathon Consultants on behalf of Silver Gate. Teal will get the letter to the planning/zoning board (P/Z)
- (3) **Delaware Estuary Watershed Grant Update:** Donna Weiss to follow up with Carol Brodtkin of South Harrison regarding Oldman's Creek.
- (4) **Trail Work:** Teal will try to set up work date for 11/15/08 with Keith and Larry. Don picked up some fence and will order the rest.
- (5) **Agricultural Buffer Ordinance:** It is up to the Township Committee after addressing two (2) minor comments on the draft document.
- (6) **Walking/Biking Trail Extension Update:** Billie Chambers got a list of all the landowners along the rail bed and provided it to Teal. There are currently no funds available; the county will contact Billie if anything becomes available. Mr. Bacher and Billie went out along the rail bed and it is really overgrown. They could not access it from Whig Lane Road and attempted to access from Glassboro end, but could not get down the entire bed due to the overgrowth. It will take some amount of work to clear the bed for a trail.
- (7) **Electronic Recycling Update:** Teal and other members of the ETEC did not get the email from Steve Alexander indicating the township electronic recycling program had started. Donna Nicholson will forward email to the group.

Correspondence:

- (1) NJDEP 2009 Green Communities Challenge Grant – due 12/9/08; ETEC determined we were not applicable for the grant and tabled it.
 - (2) Review Letter for Applications provided to Donna Nicholson to add to correspondence log.
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Open Commission Discussion:

(1) Community Yard Sale

Discussed community yard sale linked with Elk Day or a separate event in the spring tied to a cleanup day. Billie Chambers indicated it might be best to link it to something else going on in the township to get the most participation.

(2) Arbor Day

- Billie Chambers will reach out to Aura Home & School to see what ideas they may have and to start coordination efforts.
- Also need to reach out to the recreation committee.
- Reach out to companies like Waste Management, Recycle Bank and Magnum Industries to help support the Arbor Day celebration.

(3) Possible Branch and tree mulching in town

Not possible, as we do not have a machine in town.

(4) Goals for 2009

Agreed that members would bring some ideas to the December 2008 meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm