

Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)
March 12, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

ETEC Members: Billie Chambers, Frank Goss, Donna Weiss, and Kevin Costello

Elk Twp Committee: Don Brovero

Absent: Teal Jefferis, Larry Christy

Public: Bill Rainey

I. February 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes Approval

- a. Donna Nicholson moved to approve February 13, 2008 minutes; Frank Goss seconded the motion. The February 13, 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Public Discussion

N/A

III. New Business

N/A

IV. Old Business

- a. ERI Draft Review– No further comments by ETEC.
- b. Electronic Recycling – No additional proposals have been received to date to discuss/review.

Donna Nicholson will email Don Brovero with the name of the second company for further evaluation.

Donna Nicholson will contact Magnum as follow-up and to get additional information on their proposal.

- c. Arbor Day Celebration –
 - i. Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Saturday April 26th at 9am, rain date will be same time on Sunday, April 27th.
 - ii. Tree from County has been confirmed and scheduled by Teal Jefferis.
 - iii. Frank will evaluate the potential location of the county tree along with Kevin Costello and get back to the group.
 - iv. Billie Chambers will secure 200 tubes to hand out

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- v. Donna Weiss will gather planting instruction and other Arbor Day information from the Arbor day Foundation for availability at the event (agreed 100 would be sufficient).
 - vi. Refreshments are being handled by Recreation Committee.
 - vii. Declaration will be read by the Deputy Mayor
- d. Open Space Survey Summary - Billie Chambers summarized the results of 24 surveys submitted by Elk Residents.

Need to determine who gets a copy of the survey summary, Planning/Zoning; Township Committee and DVRPC?

Agreed that each commission member would read the summary and bring back impression of the results at the next meeting; email comments to Donna Nicholson who will summarize for distribution to the other groups.

- e. Swamp Pink Discussion - Teal Jefferis and Kevin Costello outlined some guidelines and emailed to the group. Billie Chambers recommended we develop a packet for individuals to summarize environmental permits/requirements.
- f. Vernal Pools – Frank Goss attended seminar on February 17, 2008 in order to learn more about certification for identifying vernal pools in the Township. Frank went with Michael Hogan and 3 others to look out how to identify streams, not vernal pools as originally thought. Vernal pools hold water only 4 days; however, a future vernal pool identification event will be held and Frank plans on attending. Frank will invite Michael to the next meeting to discuss with the group.
- g. Growing Greener – Tabled for next meeting.
- h. Trail Grants – Will hold off on any more grants for now.
- i. Completion of spreading stone for Trails Grant – Larry Christy to do this; not present to provide a summary.
- j. Gloucester County Nature Club Bird Quest 2008 & Sponsorship – Each commission member agreed to provide \$12.50 for our sponsorship

V. Correspondence

- a. Revised Plans for Pacili Homes on Ewan Road
- b. One Open Space Survey was received – added to the summary
- c. Letter from Sickles came in; was left in mail box for Teal Jefferis to review before the next meeting.

d. Open Commission Discussion

- a. ETEC Goals for 2008

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- i. Billie would like to develop a tool/guidelines associated with environmental considerations for construction and development. Develop a “packet” for new residents, “Getting to Know your Town”
- b. Passed Ordinance at the last Township Committee meeting to put 313 acres of Elephant Swamp into permanent Preservation; now have more than 3,000 acres in the Township in preservation.
- c. Discussed the status of various pending ordinances, including: Tree, Agricultural Buffer, and Soil.

e. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Next ETEC meeting will be at 7:30pm, Wednesday, April 9, 2008