

**Elk Township Environmental Commission**  
**Thursday, July 10, 2008**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

ETEC Members: Larry Christy, Frank Goss, Donna Weiss, Donna Nicholson and Kevin Costello

Elk Twp Committee: Wayne Swanson  
Mayor Philip Barbaro

Absent: Billie Chambers

Public: Various, not noted

**I. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2008.**

- a. Donna Nicholson moved to approve the June 11, 2008 minutes; Frank Goss seconded the motion. The June 11, 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**II. Public Discussion:**

N/A

**III. New Business**

- a. Planning/Zoning Board Application Review
- i. SLRD Co., Mullica Hill LLC (Harris Landfill): will be on the agenda for the August P/Z Meeting. Will review and provide comments at the August ETEC Meeting.
- b. Clean Communities Grant–
- 1. Billie Chambers had provided grant application for Adopt-A-Road Program and Litter Patrol at the June meeting. \$500 grant per event. Need to get a list of volunteers, Liability Insurance from the Township.
  - 2. ETEC agreed to move forward. Will ask Billie to follow-up and coordinate our efforts.
- c. Delaware Estuary Watershed Grant
- i. National Fish & Wildlife Foundation provides grants for habitat restoration, watershed planning, etc. \$20-\$75 K per award.
  - ii. ANJEC looking to team up with Elk Township for the grant money (best if a combined effort). Will contact Sandy and see if she will submit the application with support from ETEC.
  - iii. Deadline is August 1, 2008.

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- iv. Agreed to add this to our goals for 2009 as there was not enough time to plan a project and prepare the application by August 1, 2008. Will solicit public input for potential projects in the September or October 2008 Township Newsletter
- d. Invitation to Comment from IBI Consulting on two (2) potential cellular phone towers in town. Donna Nicholson will provide comments on behalf of ETEC as Teal Jefferis had to abstain from a conflict of interest. There were no apparent environmental issues with the potential cell tower locations, one at the Ferrell Fire House and the other at the Gulf Gasoline Station on Buck Road.

**IV. Old Business**

- a. Electronic Recycling  
ETEC and The Township put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to various local electronic recycling companies for cost/technical proposals for consideration. Proposals will go to Steve Considine, Township CFO and then to Steve Alexander, who will coordinate the recycling program

**V. Correspondence**

- a. Cross Connection – promotion of bicycling in lieu of driving
  - i. ETEC agreed to post the Cross Connection posters in the Township building.
- b. Memo from Planning Board regarding the Solar Panel and Windmills
  - i. Was distributed and discussion held for the next ETEC meeting.

**VI. Open Commission Discussion**

- a. Draft Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) Presentation by Suzanne McCarthy of DVRPC.
- b. A 30-day public comment period was approved. Comments will be accepted by ETEC through August 16, 2008 via email, hard copy or phone message.
- c. The Draft ERI would be available in pdf format on the Township Website or a hard copy would be available in the Clerk's office, but cannot be removed from the municipal building.
- d. Once comments are received and incorporated, the final ERI will be presented to the P/Z and Township Committee for acceptance and adopted into the Township's Master Plan. The timeline anticipates discussion at the P/Z September meeting and approval by the end of 2008.
- e. Final ERI copies will be available for purchase at \$10 each. Also final ERI will be available as a free downloadable file on the Township Website.

**VII. Adjournment**

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Teal Jefferis made a motion to adjourn and Frank Goss Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.