

**Elk Township Environmental Commission**  
**Wednesday, August 13, 2008**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

ETEC Members: Frank Goss, Billie Chambers, Donna Nicholson and Teal Jefferis

Elk Twp Committee: Don Brovero

Absent: Donna Weiss, Larry Christy, and Kevin Costello

Public: Diane and James Bacher, Bill Rainey

**I. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2008.**

- a. Donna Nicholson moved to approve the July 10, 2008 minutes; Teal Jefferis seconded the motion. The July 10, 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor edits. D. Nicholson will make changes and send final to D. Brovero for posting on the website.

**II. Public Discussion:**

Diane and James Bacher had sent an email to Teal Jefferis regarding elephant swamp trail and a potential connection to a Glassboro/Williamstown trail off of Delsea Drive.

Discussed possibilities which included using Stanger Avenue to the trail off Delsea Drive and Route 619 (county road) to the trail. Billie Chambers agreed to get more information from the county on potential support as well as Glassboro and contact NJDOT about bike trail grants that are available.

**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. Kevin and Teal, Application Subcommittee, reviewed the plans and had some comments, including:
    1. There is an existing driveway, has a steep slope, but have they considered modifying that driveway to reduce impact to established trees and to improve the line of sight on Fislerville Road.
    2. Teal will draft a response to P/Z
  - ii. Metro PCS-Cellular Antennae applications
    1. Kevin, Larry and Teal, Application Subcommittee, will meet to discuss. No environmental issues other than potential plantings/natural barriers around the tower which were part

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of the original application but have since died. Also, request more recent information as drawings do not reflect current conditions.

- iii. New Application from Elk Land development Corp. – 16 home subdivision on Daisy Avenue. Kevin, Larry and Teal, Application Subcommittee, will meet to discuss.

**IV. Old Business**

- a. Update on ERI Process
  - i. Extended comment period to the mid-September. Information will go out in next Township newsletter and wanted to provide time to residents to review and have input.
  - ii. Will address comments at the October meeting.
- b. Electronic Recycling-Steve Alexander came to discuss the proposals and potential selected contractor. Agreed Magnum Recycling provided the best proposal with rebates to the township. Steve Alexander will coordinate with the Township Committee and Solicitor to get contracts and set up program.
- c. Clean Communities Grant – Billie and Teal will work together to get information and move forward with the \$500/grant for a community cleanup day.
- d. Delaware Estuary Watershed Grant – Will put on the 2009 goals to work with ANJEC on the \$20-\$75k grant.
- e. Elephant Swamp Trail Guide – Mike Hogan was awarded the work and has started with a walk down of the Reed Branch. Teal will discuss with Mike the timeline to get the draft trail guide.
- f. Elephant Swamp Trail Work
  - i. There is grant money left and the work to be done includes”
    - 1. 900 ft+ of fencing
    - 2. Stone
    - 3. Signage (Teal and Steve Alexander to work on getting quotes)
    - 4. Mile Markers
    - 5. Gate at the end

**V. Correspondence**

- i. Holly Acres Notice of Violation (NOV) for unregulated activities in wetlands. ETEC copied on the letter. Don Brovero will reach out to UpperPittsgrove to determine what they know as a portion of the property is in Upper Pittgrove Township.
- ii. Letter from resident, Carol Brodtkin, to Donna Weiss, Co-Chairperson ETEC, regarding the trailer park on Route 77. Ms. Brodtkin contacted NJDEP and has a case # regarding potential wetland disturbance with some work being done at the trailer park.

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Teal Jefferis to contact Dave McCreery and check with NJDEP on status of the case file.

- iii. Lake Garrison verbal communication from resident, Danny Haynicz, of water levels falling in Lake Garrison. Frank Goss to reach out to the Lake Garrison Env. Commission to determine what information they have on the situation.
- iv. Received information on NJDEP Underground Storage Tank program for home owners and information on Clayton informational meeting regarding this program to be held on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm. Donna Nicholson had provided information on this program in 2007 and will determine if the information is available on the Township website.

**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 mid-September 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 October meeting and approval by the end of 2008.
- e. Final ERI copies will be available for purchase, price to be determined. Also final ERI will be available as a free downloadable file on the Township Website.

**VII. Adjournment**

Donna Nicholson made a motion to adjourn and Billie Chambers Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.