

**Elk Township Environmental Commission**  
**Wednesday, January 9, 2008**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Frank Goss, Donna Weiss, Kevin Costello, Donna Nicholson  
Committee: Don Brovero, Phil Barbaro

**I. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2007.**

Motion was made by Donna Weiss to approve the December 12, 2007 minutes with minor changes; it was seconded by Frank Goss and unanimously approved.

**II. Public Discussion:**

N/A

**III. New Business**

a. Commission Members were swearing:

- i. New member, Kevin Costello, was sworn in by Don Brovero to replace Jeanne White
- ii. Teal Jefferis, as Commission Chairman. Donna Weiss made a motion which was seconded by Donna Nicholson and Teal Jefferis was unanimously approved for the Chairmanship for the year 2008.
- iii. Donna Weiss, as Commission Vice Chairperson. Teal Jefferis made a motion which was seconded by Donna Nicholson and Donna Weiss was unanimously approved as Vice Chairperson for the year 2008.
- iv. Donna Nicholson, as Secretary, Teal Jefferis made a motion which was seconded by Frank Goss and Donna Nicholson was unanimously approved as Secretary for the year 2008.

b. Establish and approve meeting dates and time for 2008

A motion was made by Donna Weiss, seconded by Frank Goss and the 2008 meeting dates were unanimously approved by the Commission.

Teal Jefferis will provide the dates to Debbie Pine for submittal to the newspaper.

Don Brovero will post dates on the Township website.

c. ANJEC membership invoice and update with members

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The Environmental Commission ANJEC membership will be renewed and an updated list, including Mr. Kevin Costello, will be provided to ANJEC.

d. Planning Board Applications

i. Revised plans for Zone Striping on New Jersey Avenue

Zone Striping received a letter from US Fish & Wildlife indicating that the endangered species, swamp pink, is located nearby to the site on New Jersey Avenue.

This letter has not only implications to the plans for Zone Striping but other commercial development on New Jersey Avenue.

Mayor Barbaro spoke and discussed the Economic Commissions work in trying to bring clean ratables to New Jersey, a zoned commercial area of the Township easily assessable to Route 55 and not intrusive to residential properties. It was agreed that the Environmental Commission would work with the Economic Commission on this issue and commercial development on New Jersey Avenue.

e. Environmental Concern Report Sheet prepared Billie Chambers

i. It was reviewed and finalized to provide to Clerk, Zoning Officer, Construction Official, etc. and it will be posted on the Township website.

f. Discuss upcoming Arbor Day Celebration Event

It was agreed that a subcommittee would be established at the next meeting to work out Arbor Day events. It was agreed the events would be a little smaller than last year and we would take some of the dead arborvitae out and replace with some larger trees. Also, the Township will be putting in a drip line along the tree line so we can water the trees.

Donna Weiss suggested we get an enlarged planting plan for the Recreational field from the Rec Committee and get people attending the Arbor Day celebration to pledge trees through the Recreation Committee dedication.

g. Discuss Vernal Pool Certifications and follow-up with South Jersey Land & Water Trust, and the NJDEP.

Will follow-up with the South Jersey Land & Water Trust. Mike Hogan contacted Don Brovero regarding a training program for January 12-13. Frank Goss will contact Mr. Hogan and try to attend the training.

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- h. Review "Growing Greener" conservation design approach.

Teal provided the commission with information from a seminar held in 2007. The Commission was asked to read the material for further discussion at the February 2008 meeting.

Also discussed, ANJEC grant package which is due in February 2008 which include zoning/master plan redevelopment and ordinances using the "Growing Greener" approach, or the Trail grant to keep working on Elephant Swamp. The Commission agreed that we would not go for any more grant money until we used the current grants.

**IV. Old Business**

- a. ERI Draft Review

Will set timeframe by the next Meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> and will provide comments to the draft. Will present Draft March or April at public meeting.

- b. 2007 Rec. Trail Grant and upcoming work (tabled)

- c. Review Township Wetland Exhibit Map

Teal will provide the map to Dave McCreary for his review before Don puts it on the Web site.

- d. Electronic Recycling – Magnum LLC review proposal

Recycling Act passed Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> which will mean New Jersey will provide grant money for recycling programs.

Electronic Recycling Act also passed.

Donna Nicholson will get back to Magnum LLC with detailed information needed before we can move forward. Don Brovero will ask CFO what information is needed for an acceptable bid. In addition, Frank Goss will check on another recycling company that we may reach out to and Donna Nicholson will try again to reach out to ARI Industries (a request was sent to them via email in November with no response).

**V. Correspondence**

- a. ETEC received one survey back for the ERI.

- b. LOI and General Permit #10 Application for Block 6, Lot 39-Moods Road.  
Will be logged into the correspondence inventory.

- c. Tree City Literature – No interest at this time

- d. LOI Application for Block 66, Lot 1.04 on New Jersey Avenue  
Will be logged into the correspondence inventory.

- e. NJ Clean Communities Program

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Grant for Trash Receptacles and Anti-Litter Signs. Donna Weiss will get some information and see what is involved to see if we can apply for a grant.

**VI. Open Commission Discussion**

- a. Welcome to new member, Kevin Costello
- b. Frank Goss interest in being actively involved in adding to the ERI and will start with the Vernal Pool Certification.
- c. Don Brovero went to Upper Pittsgrove meeting – they updated their master Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan. Filed for PIG (Planning Incentive Grant) Plan and are trying to preserve 14,000 acres in 2008. Some of the properties border Elk Township.

**VII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.