

Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)
March 9, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

ETEC Members: Donna Weis, Frank Goss, Barry Cohen
Elk Twp Committee: Donna Nicholson (Liaison)
Absent: Phil Barbaro, Clif Daniels
Public: Bob Clark

I. January 2016 Meeting Minutes Approval

Had to hold for next meeting; no quorum for a vote.

II. Public Discussion

Bob Clark – Beaver dam along Union Street causing water issue for properties along the creek/dam, including Route 55. Bob talked to representative of NJDOT, as NJDOT is concerned with impact of expanding waterline to Route 55. The dam is approximately 200 feet long.

Frank Goss will contact NJ Fish and Game to see what can be done to trap and move the beaver, and break up the dam in order to allow the water to recede.

III. New Business

- 1) Resignation of Ellie Tercea. The ETEC accepted the resignation of Ellie Tercha and the installation of Bob Clark agreed on the ETEC. Donna Nicholson will ask the Township Committee to file a resolution adding Bob Clark to the ETEC.
- 2) Vacant seat still open – Still need to fill open ETEC seat left by Lori Murray.
- 3) Review of Silver gate Phases 5&6 - Preliminary Major Subdivision Application # SD-16-02. Kevin Costello, Frank Goss and Barry Cohen will meet separately to review the application and provide findings. The findings will then be submitted to Anna Foley, P/Z Secretary.
- 4) Arbor Day – Will be Saturday 4/23/16 at 10am
 - a) Donna Weiss to contact Marjac about getting a tree to plant in the recreational park.
 - b) Frank Goss will discuss with Kevin Costello the location of the new tree to be planted that fits the established tree plan for the recreational park
- 5) Tree Recovery Program
 - a) We have ordered 250 trees; Clif Daniels will pick up the trees 4/15/16 in Sewell NJ between 9am-3pm. The trees will be used for Arbor Day and other Township planting areas.
- 6) Township Committee Proclamation for establishment of a Green Team
 - a) Need to take to Committee to draft a resolution.
- 7) Nitrate Dilution Model Pilot Study- Rowan University

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- a) Donna Nicholson Summarized the Pilot Study being undertaken by Rowan University. Elk Township will be one of 4 towns in the study. Donna Weiss will participate on behalf of ETEC as part of the Pilot Study Steering Committee.

IV. Old Business

- 1) Review of ETEC Recommendation Form for P/Z plan review. Donna Nicholson to Send to Anna Foley on behalf of the ETEC
- 2) Aura School Initiative
 - a) Completed the 3rd Grade Tree order. Clif Daniels will pick up the trees at Parvan State Park for the 3rd Grade April 20th.
- 3) Sustainable NJ Actions
 - a) Each ETEC Member will do on our own via the On-Line Link to action list. Donna Weiss to send the link to ETEC email list.
- 4) Blue Bird Project Information
 - a) Ellie Tercha had put together information on the Blue Bird Project to be undertaken in conjunction with **NJ Bluebird society**. Clif Daniels and Frank Goss will take the information gathered and contact Aura School to determine if they would be interested in participating.
- 5) Sign Regarding Leash Ordinance on Elephant Swamp Trail
 - a) Debbie Pine provided 3 different signs for ETEC to select. Donna Nicholson will email Debbie with the selected sign style.
- 6) Elephant Swamp Trail maintenance
- 7) Volunteer Hour Reporting
 - a) The hourly in-kind rate to be used for grant evaluation is \$23.15 per hour. Donna Weiss will begin maintaining the Volunteer log; which will be provided to her by Donna Nicholson.

V. Correspondence

- a. Free Bird Quest Training Sessions
 - All ETEC members were given a copy of dates/times and locations
- b. Confirmation of ANJEC Renewal
 - This renewal was agreed to by the ETEC.

VI. Open Commission Discussion

Discuss filling open seat left by Lori Murray

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm