

**Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)
November 11, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

ETEC Members: Donna Nicholson, Donna Weis, Ellie Tercha, Frank Goss
Elk Twp Committee: Carolyn King-Sammons
Absent: Barry Cohen, Lori Murray
Public: N/A

I. September 2015 Meeting Minutes Approval

Unanimously approved the September 2015 meeting minutes.

II. Public Discussion

N/A

III. New Business

- a. Swearing in of new commission member – Ellie Tercha.
 - a. This was postponed until January 2016 when all new members will be sworn in.
- b. Completeness review of minor subdivision with Variance, Block 19, George & Louise Lucas (Lot 12) and Hardingville Bible Church Inc. (Lots 9, 10, 11)
 - a. No environmental concerns were noted on this review. Donna Nicholson will send an email to Anna Foley, P/Z secretary on behalf of ETEC.

IV. Old Business

- a. Report on October 27 ANJEC Networking Event at Stockton by Donna Weiss and Ellie Tercha
 - The networking was beneficial and Donna and Ellie made good contacts that will be helpful to the Env. Commission in the future.
 - Discussed use of social media, like Twitter and Face book, to broaden our Environmental Reach to the Elk Township residents. Carolyn King-Sammons will discuss with JIF on guidelines/rules for using social media in a government capacity.
 - Ellie will look at setting up a Face Book page.
 - Discussed adding information in the tax bills (one page summary of events/information for residents). Carolyn will check with the tax collector if this is possible and cost, if any.
- b. Report from Clif Daniels on partnering with Rowan Environmental Studies and Aura School.
 - Clif not present; will reach out and have summary at January 2016 meeting.
- c. Establishment of “Green Team” for Sustainable New Jersey Program.
 - Discussed getting members outside of Environmental Commission.
- d. Sign Regarding Leash Ordinance on Elephant Swamp Trail
 - Donna Weiss will draft letter to the Elk Township Committee inquiring where the sign is and when it will be installed.
- e. Elephant Swamp Trail Maintenance

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- Frank Goss looking at getting the entrance sign refurbished. Will report back to the group on the cost.

V. Correspondence

a. N/A

VI. Open Commission Discussion

Discuss filling open seats left by Lori Murray and Donna Nicholson.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm