

Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)
March 12, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

ETEC Members: Donna Nicholson, Donna Weiss, Kevin Costello, Frank Goss, Teal Jeffers, and Barry Cohen
Elk Twp Committee: Phil Barbaro
Absent: Donna Ragonese
Public: None

I. February 2014 Meeting Minutes Approval

Minutes for February 2014 approved.

II. Public Discussion

N/A

III. New Business

- Aura 1 – Latham Park Preliminary Major Subdivision review
 - Kevin summarized the review of the 169 units on Aura Road that is part of Aura 1. Kevin sent a letter to the planning/zoning board (P/Z) on our behalf asking about:
 - NJDEP Wetland (valid/need for extension)
 - 500-year flood plain
 - Swamp Pink
 - Phase I ESA/Agricultural soil testing
 - Storm water Basin and Landscaping
 - Open Space
 - Solar Power Lights and Light Poles
 - Anticipate this work will be completed in April.
 - Kevin Costello has the signs and dispensers

IV. Old Business

- a. ETEC Archives -The town uses Docu vault” and ETEC can archive our files using this service. Donna Nicholson will go to the township building and discuss process with Debbie Pine.
- b. Arbor Day Plan
 - Will be Saturday April 26, 2014 at 10am
 - Girl Scouts are on board – will be at the Main Recreation Pavilion
 - Kevin will pick tree location to match the park design
 - Frank will ask don Ash to dig the hole, once location is selected
 - Phil will ask Mayor Spring if he will read the proclamation.
- c. Strategic Planning

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- Donna Weiss developed a list of strategic questions to discuss for the ETEC. Members handed in their responses and Donna W. will summarize and distribute to the group via email.
- d. Member Contact information
 - Sheet was passed around so all had contact information for all members of the ETEC. Once complete, Donna Weiss will provide to all members.
- e. Township Committee Meeting Attendance
 - Donna Weiss developed a calendar of meetings and each ETEC member will sign up for 2 meetings and will attend on behalf of ETEC.
- f. Superior Barrel & Drum Update
 - Will post link to the EPA website on the Elk Township Website
 - Donna W. provided update from EPA's website.
 - ETEC will continue to monitor the EPA Website on a regular basis.
- g. Rails to Trails Grant Status (Elephant Swamp) Update
 - The trail sink hole repairs were completed
 - Will set a tentative date of April 12, 2014 to work on the trail and get signs and doggie bag dispensers installed.

V. Correspondence

- Donna Weiss got a call/email from Rails to Trails Conservancy asking if they could put a Survey Box up at Elephant Swamp. She will call them to discuss the details and provide to the group for approval.

VI. Open Commission Discussion

N/A

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm