

**Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)
February 9, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

ETEC Members: Donna Nicholson, Vic Thomas, Frank Goss, Donna Weiss and Kevin Costello
Elk Twp Committee: Mayor Phil Barbaro
Absent: Teal Jeffers
Public: Barry Cohen, nominee for open ETEC Commission seat
Mayor Cimprich, Upper Pittsgrove Township

I. December, 2010 Meeting Minutes Approval

Minutes unanimously approved; to be posted on website.

II. Public Discussion

N/A

III. New Business

- a. Planning Board Applications – Completeness hearing for Camelot at Elk (formerly the Grande at Elk) Major Subdivision (Conversion of age restricted community into market rate housing). No environmental issues noted.
- b. Swearing in of Frank Goss (postponed to March meeting to include Barry Cohen)
- c. Review of 2011 ANJEC grants discussed the various available ANJEC Grants and decided that the most relevant and beneficial to Elk Township would be the Groundwater and Septic Capacity grant, application due March 31st. Donna Weiss to take lead to begin developing the application.
- d. Introduction of potential new member, Barry Cohen

IV. Old Business

- a. Solar Farm Ordinance discussion with Mr. Jack Cimprich, Upper Pittsgrove Township Mayor. Mayor Cimprich discussed solar farms being installed in Upper Pittsgrove and how they permitted the use. Upper Pittsgrove permitted the solar farm through a “Use Variance” based on their Master Plan and did not enact a new ordinance. New Jersey has proposed a new rule under the State Agricultural Development Committee rules to include Solar Farms. The proposed rule was posted in the NJ Register, Monday, February 7, 2011. Comment period on the proposed rule is open until April 8, 2011.
- b. Elephant Swamp Recreation Trail:
 - Stone Delivery and Spreading – ETEC agreed to halt stone spreading by the township public works department and hire Haines Landscape Service Inc to provide equipment and manpower, per their estimate E104 dated August 30, 2010 for 3 days of work. ETEC agreed that the stone spreading would start at the stream end where erosion is occurring and move toward Route 538 end of the trail.
 - Signs- will install after the stone is laid down
 - Gate and posts – will install after the stone is laid down

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V. Correspondence

- a. New Electronic Recycling Law – TV and electronic waste cannot be discarded with normal household waste and must be recycled. Electronic waste should be taken to the municipal public works building.

VI. Open Commission Discussion

Unanimously agreed Barry Cohen would be a welcomed member to the ETEC, will fill open seat and be sworn in at the March 2011 meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Next ETEC meeting will be at 7:30pm, March 9, 2011