

**Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)**  
**October 12, 2011**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

ETEC Members: Donna Nicholson, Vic Thomas, Donna Weiss, and Kevin Costello  
Elk Twp Committee: Mayor Barbaro  
Absent: Teal Jeffers and Barry Cohen  
Public: N/A

**I. August 2011 Meeting Minutes Approval**

Minutes unanimously approved.

**II. Public Discussion**

N/A

**III. New Business**

- a. Replacement for Frank Goss. – Mayor Barbaro has talked to 2 potential candidates to replace Frank Goss and will invite them to the next ETEC meeting.
- b. Cleanup Day for Elephant Swamp –
  - Discussed completing the stone work. Given the storm damage, it was determined that we laying the new stone would be held off.
  - Township applied for FEMA funds to repair the creek washout. Vic Thomas took photos of the washout and will distribute to the members of ETEC.

**IV. Old Business**

- a. Review Scope of Services/Steps for Preparing a Conservation Element for the Master Plan (Prepared by Alison Hastings, Senior Environmental Planner DVRPC)
  - ETEC would need to apply for the grant by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Need to review the Master Plan and determine how we incorporate the Conservation Element or Forest Management
- b. Acquiring Alternate Bids for Elephant Swamp Trail Stone Spreading:  
ETEC received one bid to spread the stone on the trail. Kevin will confer with CFO to determine if other bids are needed. The Threshold for expenditure may not warrant due to size of work and/or because it is grant funds.

**V. Correspondence**

- a. Weona Pond Block 44, Lot 1 Vivian Lane/Hughes Lane  
Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision application was approved for subdivision only by P/Z.
- b. Block 7, Lot 1 – State Highway Route 77 and County Route 538, Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit Church. Subdivision Plan –  
Barry Cohen and Kevin Costello reviewed and developed ETEC comments/issues to be presented to P/Z. No major environmental issues noted.
- c. ANJEC Brochures.

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“Open Space Plan” and “municipal Options for Stormwater Management” brochures were provided to each member of the ETEC.

**VI. Open Commission Discussion**

Mayor Barbaro provided an update of Township events:

(1) New Solar Project was approved and is to be installed by 12/31/2011 and is fully paid by the installer. Township anticipates spending 55-60% less per kwhr for electricity. The system contract is for 15 years.

(2) \$150,000 bond ordinance was approved for emergency repair of the creek washout on Elephant Swamp. FEMA was at the site the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>; township applied for payment. Township is getting three bids at this time to complete the repair.

(3) New Township website being developed and will be maintained by Anna Thomas.

**VII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Next ETEC meeting will be at 7:30pm, November 2, 2011 (1 week earlier than usual)