

Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)
January 9, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

ETEC Members: Donna Nicholson, Bob Clark, and Kevin Costello
Elk Twp Committee: Phil Barbaro and Dennis Marchei
Absent: Teal Jeffers, Frank Goss, Barry Cohen, and Donna Weiss
Public: N/A

I. December 2012 Meeting Minutes Approval

Minute approval was waived as the December meeting did not have full committee participation and no formal minutes were taken.

II. Public Discussion

N/A

III. New Business

- a. Swearing In Of Commission Members
 - Vic Thomas resigned; Frank Goss was brought back to take his place.
 - Tabled to the February meeting when all members were present to do together.
- b. Setting Up Commission Officers.
 - No change, officers remain as follows:
 - Kevin Costello –Chair
 - Donna Weiss – Vice chair
 - Donna Nicholson – Secretary
- c. Set 2013 Meeting dates:
 - Will have each month on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30pm; will cancel on an as needed basis. Dates are as follows:
 - February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13 (need to confirm with Twp. Clerk) and December 11, 2013
- d. ANJEC Grant Status
 - ANJEC grant money has been posted on their website
 - Kevin inquired as to why we were denied a grant in 2012 and it was suggested that we had not used the current grant money that was available to Elk. Kevin will discuss further with Teal Jeffers and Steve Considine to determine the money available.
- e. NJDEP Rails to Trails Grant Status (for Elephant Swamp)
 - ETEC understood that we had approximately \$8,000 left in that grant to place the stone on the Elephant Swamp Trail and install mile markers. However, Elk Township CFO does not believe there are funds available. Kevin will work with Steve Considine to determine the available funds. However, until that is clarified all work on the Elephant Swamp has been put on hold

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- f. Planning of Events, Goals for 2013
 - Arbor Day – work with Janine from the Girl Scouts again this year.
 - Plant tree at the Ina B. Hall Park this year.
 - Re-evaluating/Pursuing the Tree Ordinance and thereafter Shade Tree Commission.
 - Kevin will email copies of recent approved Tree Ordinance to the ETEC members for Pitman and the Draft Elk Ordinance for review and discussion at the February meeting.
 - ETEC will reach out to Joan Adams and ask her if there have been any recent legal issues locally ETEC should be aware of.

IV. Old Business

- a. Elephant Swamp Status
 - There is a washout Area before the Creek on the left side need to take a look at.
 - Will need spring cleanup date set for the trail.

V. Correspondence

N/A

VI. Open Commission Discussion

N/A

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next ETEC meeting will be at 7:30pm, February 11, 2013