

**Elk Township Environmental Commission (ETEC)**  
**December 14, 2011**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

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

**I. November 2011 Meeting Minutes Approval**

Minutes unanimously approved.

**II. Public Discussion**

N/A

**III. New Business**

N/A

**IV. Old Business**

a. Replacement of Frank Goss

Bob Clark was present and accepted the position; will be sworn in at the next ETEC Meeting.

b. Elephant Swamp Trail:

(i) Kevin Costello spoke to CFO, Steve Considine, and Steve will contact the State of NJ to determine if the Grant money is still available to move forward with the remaining stone work on Elephant Swamp Trail.

(ii) The washout from the hurricane is presently in process with one bid received and awarded. The Township is waiting on NJDEP for approval of wetland permit to proceed.

c. Master Plan Updating Ideas

Kevin reached out to Planning/Zoning (P/Z) professional, Leah to inquire as to when the next revisions are expecting and to determine how best we can provide our input. She indicated that the last revision was in 2009 and the next is not due until 2014. ETEC will develop a bulleted list of items that may be applicable to the Master Plan and provide to P/Z board. Allison of the DVRPC is still available to help support acquiring a grant for the Conservation Element of the Master Plan. Allison is available to attend the February 8, 2012 ETEC meeting to go over the Conservation Element and the application.

**V. Correspondence**

a. United Solar Works LLC

Teal and Kevin met to discuss the plan and developed a response letter for P/Z on behalf of ETEC. The plan will be going to P/Z for completeness at the next meeting.

**VI. Open Commission Discussion**

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- a. Mayor Update on Township items:
- Solar Project is on hold until the company decides if project is equitable for them as credits from the electric company/state are decreasing.
  - Silvergate filed a law suit over the extension of the general development plan. The General Development Plan has or will expire. The plan approval period was to be 20 years, but Silvergate had accepted 16 years at the time of the approvals and now they are suing the Township to go back to the 20 years.

**VII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next ETEC meeting will be at 7:30pm, January 11, 2012