

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

Attendees:

ETEC Members: Donna Nicholson, Donna Weiss
Elk Twp Committee: Ed Poisker (for Phil Barbaro)
Absent: Kevin Costello, Teal Jeffers, Donna Ragonese and Barry Cohen
Public: None

I. December 2013 Meeting Minutes Approval

Minutes for December 2013 approved; however without a quorum.

II. Public Discussion

N/A

III. New Business

- Donna Weiss announced the resignation of Eileen Tercha and ETEC will need to find a replacement
- Welcome Newest Member, Donna Ragonese – postponed to next meeting.
- Formal Recognition of Frank Goss' service to ETEC
- ETEC Archives
 - Ed will find out more about "Docu vault" and how we should handle the document archives we have for the ETEC.
- Arbor Day Plan
 - Ed Poisker to check with the Aura School Principal, Mrs. Johnson and ETEC
 - Will ask Donna Ragonese to reach out to school contacts to get some input and involvement from Aura School.
- Strategic Planning
 - Donna Weiss developed a list of strategic questions to discuss for the ETEC. Will review and discuss at the next full meeting.
- 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.
- Member Contact information
 - All ETEC members will email Donna Nicholson their contact information to develop a contact list.
- Volunteer needs for installation of interpretive signs and doggie bag dispensers in Elephant Swamp Trail.
 - Anticipate this work will be completed in April.
 - Kevin Costello has the signs and dispensers

IV. Old Business

a. Superior Barrel & Drum Update

- Donna W. provided update from EPA's website.

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- ETEC will continue to monitor the EPA Website on a regular basis.
- b. Rails to Trails Grant Status (Elephant Swamp) Update
 - The trail sink hole repairs were completed
- c. Follow up on Response from State Rep Re: Great Trees Initiative
 - Donna Weiss' contact, Evan Delubo, indicated that Elk's oak tree was not a contender.

V. Correspondence

- DVRPC Brochure List on Environmental Planning Services for Municipalities

VI. Open Commission Discussion

- Will have a representative of ETEC at each monthly Township Committee Meeting.
- Originally we did not think a March 2014 ETEC meeting would be needed, but will have a March 12, 2014 so we can plan Arbor Day event.
- Anna Thomas is still managing the Elk Twp Website; send her agenda/meeting minutes.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm