

**Alloway Township Environmental Commission
April 9, 2012 Monthly Meeting**

Attendees: Joe Ingerson-Mahar, Frank Ponti, Anne Sullivan, Brynn Reilley, Chris Gilbert and Marilyn Patterson

Absent: Craig Kane

The main topic of discussion was the logging on the Boy Scout property and the State Property. We are all in agreement that this logging is bad for wildlife and is not in keeping with what we expect from an environmentally based organization.

The facts as far as we can determine from conversations with Ginger Benckert of DEP Wetlands are that the scouts felt a need for a parking lot and made an agreement with a Malaga logger to cut as many trees as would be needed to pay for the parking lot. The logger then cut trees on Camp Roosevelt and Camp Grice as well as state owned property. The state stopped the logging and sold the logs harvested on their property. The scouts want the proceeds from the sale of those logs.

According to conversations Marilyn held with Ms. Benckert the scouts were less than forthcoming when she approached them asking exactly where they were logging. She had to go back three times before she was shown all of the logging areas.

The principal players in the Boy Scouts are James Hans, Chief Scout Executive, President Patricia Purdy, Ranger Tony Ortiz, and Camp Director Dick Morris.

It was agreed that Frank Ponti abstain from any votes concerning the Boy Scouts since he has business dealings with them.

We agreed that we need to write a letter to the Boy Scouts explaining the alternatives to logging that are available.

Old Business: According to Anne Sullivan, the PIG Grants are moving along at a brisk pace. Everyone is working hard to keep them from falling into the cracks.

The meeting was adjourned.