

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

February 11th, 2004

Corrected as per March 10th, 2004 Meeting

Bill Schramm called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:35 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Community Building.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bill Schramm (Chair)	X	
Dave Kreck (V. Chair)	X	
Scott Barnes (Sec.)	X	
Bob Bevilacqua	X	
Paula Hayes	X	
Brian Hayes	X	
Bill Schnarr		X

Associate Member Present: Frank Eggert

Public Guests Present: Debbie Mix, Mike Feeney

Minutes of January 20th meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Synnott's Pond:** Dave obtained these cost estimates: \$1150 for wetlands flagging (including hydrological analysis of soil) and \$2000-\$2500 for the survey. Bob was not able to get labor estimates due to poor weather; will have them next month.

Current financial resources: \$2506 in Friends of Wenonah Trails (\$1250 dedicated to this project), plus Council appropriation.

General consensus was to flag and survey now, then fund-raise later for the construction portion of the project. On a voice vote, approved \$3000 for this project under two conditions: 1) dedicated funds are to be expended first, and 2) any excess expenditure will be discussed later (possibility of donations from Dave or others). The work is expected to be done by the next meeting. Surveyor will formally work for the Borough; environmental firm will formally work for Friends.

Neighbors should be contacted prior to the survey. Chuck Forsman is the logical person to do this.

- **Trail Maintenance:** Frank showed pictures of Mantua Creek Trail washouts.

Two items for the March 6th work party: 1) backfill on Eldridge Trail to address tree root problems, and 2) fill upper end of Wenonah Lake Trail.

Beech tree down across the Glen (from Hurricane Isabel). Trees down at Stone

Pond and Dilks Pond. General trash pick-up needed.

- **March 6th Work Party:** Should send a notice in the school take-home envelope.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Lake Association (Debbie Mix):** Unleashed dogs contribute to a negative public perception of the trails.

Tea House will be the last stop on the Garden Tour. WEC could use this as a fundraising opportunity.

Discussion about triathlon fundraiser at Wenonah Lake. Important to have a “silly” aspect to some of the events.

- **Athletic Association (Mike Feeney):** Desire to move Langston Field fence before start of baseball season (April 4th). Bob offered to help.

Water is flowing down East Avenue, causing problems at the ball field.

- **Kids' Walk:** Occurs May 8th. Art and writing must be collected before April 7th. School assignment due on March 31st; we should pick up items at the school on April 2nd. Working backward, school visit should be on March 15th. Bob and Paula will participate. Need to call Christine at the school. Discussion about walk location: Wenonah Lake or Teahouse?
- **Borough Council report:** Public Works yard is being rearranged. New pole barns being erected. They should be encouraged to move off Conservation Lands.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:22 PM.