

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Bob Bevilacqua called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:32 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Lake Pavilion.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bob Bevilacqua (Chair)	X	
Rich Dilks (V. Chair)	X	
Scott Barnes (Sec. / Planning Bd. Rep.)	X	
Scott Birkland		X
Mary Ellen Bush	X	
Dave Kreck		X
Bill Schnarr		X

Associate Members Present: Bonnie Bell, Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman, Brian Hayes, Paula Hayes

Public Guests Present: (*numerous*)

Minutes of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Brian Hayes)

### BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** Printing of new trail maps will cost \$1000 for 1200 copies. They could be ready as soon as August. Bob distributed several draft copies of the new map for review; discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Two \$75 WEC awards will be given to 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduates. The school is choosing the winners.

Rich and Bob represented WEC at the Ice Cream Social. An idea for next year is to construct a "bad guys" target for kids to throw things at. Rich and Bob also represented WEC at the Garden Fair.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class held a work party on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Wenonah Lake. An 8 year-old pin oak was planted in memory of Bradley Caraker.

10 Gateway students are available next Monday for a work party. Bob plans to have them spread mulch at Synnott's Pond. Meeting place will be Wachovia Bank at 8:15 AM.

- **Education (Rich Dilks):** There have been 6 Natural Places Guides sold. Rich has purchased two copies and donated them to the Wenonah Library.

The Nature Club's field trip on May 19<sup>th</sup> covered 4 miles of trail in 4-1/2 hours.

WEC is presenting the Historical Society's September program. Rich wants volunteers to help put together a vulture-focused presentation.

The first meeting of the Vulture Festival grant committee was held earlier this month.

- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Rich reported that the Glen Dam has been undercut. Also, the Mantua Creek Island boardwalk is too low in places, forcing several organized trail hikes to detour on West Cedar Street.

Ferns have been stolen from the Dilk's Pond Trail. Paula suggested placing a "do not dig" reminder in the borough newsletter. Also in that area, the railroad mowed down some recently-planted trees.

Serious silting is occurring at the Synnott's Pond traps; the excess must be removed.

Frank installed 75 feet of trail rails along Breakback Run Trail using recycled boards.

- **Other Comments (Chuck Forsman):** Local fishermen are being encouraged to release their catches into Synnott's Pond to help stock it. Frogs are already quite abundant in the pond area.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM (Motion: Forsman, Second: Barnes)