

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 12th, 2009

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:34 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Municipal Building.

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

Associate Member Present: Chuck Forsman

Public Guest Present: Carl Hausman

Minutes of the July 8th meeting were approved. (Motion: Birkland, Second: Barnes, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Public Comment (Carl Hausman):** Councilman Hausman announced that 11 kids are presently signed up for Conservation Camp next week, and there is room for more. He also distributed a draft schedule.
- **Chairman's Report:** Chris Newman mentioned it is time to renew our Arbor Day Foundation membership. Rich is in favor of renewal. Next year, the tiny tree seedlings we receive should be raised in a garden environment before being transplanted to the woods.

The County's landscape architect, Alan Koch, met with Rich and others on July 29th regarding Stone Pond landscaping. He presented three concept drawings. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for August 29th. He is also working on the borough garage and park.

On the Monongahela Brook Lower Bridge replacement project, an architect still needs to design the bulkheads. Dave Kreck will write the Recreational Trails Program Grant request. Scott Barnes mentioned that we were also going to do a general trail survey walk this year to document overall trail conditions and note deficiencies.

At Synnott's Pond, need to check on the status of new stone to be laid in the drainage channel (*see May minutes*). Mr. Pritchard will also pay to remove a fallen tree that is resting against the arched bridge.

- **Liaison/Public Relations (Scott Barnes):** Borough Newsletter deadline is tomorrow. Space has been cut drastically, plus the newsletter is tri-annual from now on. Mary Ellen suggested thanking our major donors by name.

- **Council/Legal (Chuck Forsman):** The Comey's Lake fountain has not reduced the duckweed infestation as much as hoped. Perhaps we should move it closer to the cove next year.

On Maple Ridge, the County and townships are still talking, at least. If the November conservation funding ballot measure passes, funds *might* be available for this project. We will get campaign materials this month from the South Jersey Land & Water Trust.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:17 PM (Motion: Birkland, Second: Barnes, AIF)