

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2011

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:33 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Community Center.

<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	
Bill Klaus	X	
Dave Kreck		X
Tommy Lombardo (Mayor)	X	
Chris Newman	X	

Associate Members Present: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman
Minutes of the August 10th meeting were approved. (Motion: Dilks, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** Numerous areas need attention following Hurricane Irene on August 27th:
 - *Washed-out Garden Trail Bridge:* An excavator is needed to move bridge parts. Access from Anyzek's property. Bulkheads need replaced (sledgehammer, no equipment). Cost items will be: a few hundred dollars of lumber, operator's fee, and fuel. Total of about \$1,000.
 - *Damaged Span on Monongahela Bog Walk:* Frank says it is "under control." Replacement wood was cut from a railroad tie.
 - *Mantua Creek Island Boardwalk Dislodged:* This is the second failure within a year. Metal posts need driven down and lag bolts attached. Bob says used highway sign posts are free.
 - *Holes on Mantua Creek Trail (near Clay Hill) and Break Back Run Trail (near Hayes Ave.):* Bob says rubble is needed, not just dirt. He wants to call a work party for tomorrow at 5 PM.
 - *Synnott's Pond Small Bridge Dislodged:* Also work on this tomorrow at 5 PM.
 - *Fallen Trees:* Frank says all reported downed trees have been cleared. Debris around Wenonah Lake could be cleared by the Cub Scouts.
 - *Shawnee Drive Erosion:* Address this at the scheduled November 5th work party.
 - *East Cherry Street Trail Entrance Erosion:* This could be on Tom Capaldi's property. Scott said that an application was made a few years ago to build a house in this location (but later withdrawn). Chuck will talk to Mr. Capaldi; possibly a load of stone

could be dumped there.

- Additional work parties will be held on two Saturdays: October 8th and 22nd. Meeting place will be the Community Center at 9 AM.

After discussion, WEC will participate in the Harvest Craft Fair on 9/24. Table will be manned from 9 AM until the early afternoon. Topics will include rain barrels (including raffling one of the WEC's barrels), Stone Pool Garden, and Maple Ridge.

Mad Hatter's Tree Party (joint venture with Gloucester County Nature Club) is proposed for Sunday, October 30th from 1-4 PM. Chris will play the Mad Hatter this year. On a voice vote, WEC agreed to participate in the event. (Motion: Barnes, Second: Newman, AIF)

Free plants were offered by Triple Oaks Nursery. Chris will check into this offer.

Friends of Maple Ridge will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 11th at 7 PM in the Community Center. Updated certified value of property is not known, but is believed to be about \$4 million. Meetings with local elected officials are now being set up.

- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Clay Hill needs water bars installed. There is no plan to re-cover the orange netting on the bank that was exposed by recent flood waters.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:49 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Newman, AIF)