

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2012

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:37 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 Member Present: Frank Eggert

Minutes of the June 13th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Newman, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** The two trail surveillance cameras were stolen between mid-June and 7/5. Bill plans to mount dummy cameras this weekend. After discussion, it was decided not to purchase further real surveillance cameras at this time.

Rich received a thank-you letter from Anne Zuber of the library in regard to the book donations and the rain garden.

The 6th Grade graduation was held on 6/15. Winners of the environmental awards this year (\$75 each) are Casey Carson and Rose Malfitano.

July 4th walk turnout at Wenonah Lake was hurt by the heat, but totaled 8-9 people by the end.

Bob reported a leak in the Comey's Lake dam that developed on Friday, dropping lake levels by 2 feet. Bob put in stone to temporarily stop the leak. Lake level has slowly risen 10-1/2" inches since that time. The fountain has been temporarily stopped. Repairs will be needed this winter.

As a result of the 6/19 work party, there is a new trail bridge at the upper end of Wenonah Lake. It is higher than the former bridge, making it less likely to jam with debris.

In regard to Walker Green's proposed Mantua Creek Trail project (*see June minutes*): Bob has 150 feet of 4x4's. Where are his other materials coming from?

On Maple Ridge preservation: the public fundraising total now stands at \$131,100. The current sticking point involves the existence of affordable housing on the Deptford side of the planned development. The State cannot fund a preservation effort which negatively impacts affordable housing. On the County side, several Freeholders have recently walked through the property and seemed positive about the preservation effort.

At Synnott's Pond, there seems to be an excess accumulation of leaves which needs to be raked out at some point.

- **Planning Board (Scott Barnes):** The developer of Wenonah Meadows (former Lizzi property) applied to convert the development from age-restricted to non age-restricted pursuant to a State conversion law. Although the law expired on 8/1/2011, the developer could still have the conversion approved within a 24-month extension period if the Board determined that the real estate market was still impacted by adverse economic conditions. By a 5-4 vote, the Board found that such conditions existed, so the application could proceed. The application itself was later approved on an 8-1 vote. Even with this approval, it is not clear whether or when development will proceed.
- **Capital Projects (Bob Bevilacqua):** The Comey's Lake Pump Station project is finished. However, a berm that used to deflect storm water is missing. Bob will talk to Dave.
- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Frank continues to refurbish trail signs. So far, the vandals have only harmed the signs made from telephone poles, not the 6x6 signs. Most recently, Frank has worked on the Monongahela Brook Trail signs at South Marion, the Lenape Trail entrance sign, and the Wenonah Lake Trail signs.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:39 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Klaus, AIF)