

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2012

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:31 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the 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 September 12 meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Kreck, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** Scott proposed that WEC adopt a model ANJEC resolution in support of a state-level legislative ban on the use of toxic persistent pesticides at K-8 schools, day care centers, and park playgrounds. After discussion, it was decided to adopt the ANJEC model resolution as written and forward it to Wenonah's state legislators. (Motion: Barnes, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)

Bob Pritchard had presented a letter to Rich regarding conditions at Synnott's Pond. He is concerned that the water has dropped to abnormally low levels. In an attempt to arrest silting, he finished the stone placement project in Camelback Run on his own. Rich visited the pond and verified the low levels. Although there is leakage below the dam leveling board, the main problem seems to be low inflow from Camelback Run. Dave and others will visit the site and walk upstream to make sure underground aqueducts are not blocked or leaking.

The November 3rd work party focus will change to a trash pickup along Woodbury-Glassboro Road. Bob believes we can get money from the County as in the past. Also, plantings can be finished at Garden Trail Bridge #6 if necessary.

Dave reported that the Eldridge Trail DEP permits were in progress and expected to be issued by November 30.

Heather MacGregor met with several commission members immediately before this meeting at the Wenonah Library Rain Garden. She helped identify the plants now in place. Some re-mulching and re-grading is needed.

Bill Exley of Exley's Landscaping has offered to help with brush hogging on trails when needed.

Dave confirmed that the WEC borough budget can be applied toward the Eldridge Trail project.

The Comey's Lake and Wenonah Lake lowering permits are in place. The levels need to be dropped by November 15.

The Shade Tree Commission asked whether a dangerous tree on conservation land near Lisle Field could be trimmed. Nobody had any objections; Rich will tell STC.

Robin Debrececi of South Jefferson Avenue donated cedar planks and pressure-treated posts. Rich and Tommy transported the wood to the borough mulch yard for storage.

The Maple Ridge preservation project is fully funded. The State also approved Wenonah's and Mantua's Green Acres grants as a backup funding source. The affordable housing issue remains as a sticking point. The Friends group will encourage Deptford residents to send postcards of support to their township government.

The Woodbury-Glassboro Road walkway to Academy Hills could be started at the November 3 work party.

The anti-erosion matting at Clay Hill is in decent shape.

- **Capital Projects (Dave Kreck):** As a condition of the Eldridge Trail DEP permit, we will be required to place wetlands information plaques at trailheads.

Wenonah Lake will be dredged this winter under the diving board. The lowering will be significant enough to require a fish rescue around November 15.

- **Capital Projects (Bob Bevilacqua):** Chrissie Chandler of the Home & School Association wants us to do an after-school program starting in November. The program would be one day a week, 1 hour each, for 4 or 6 weeks. The attendees would be up to 10 third-graders. This seems workable only if more volunteers can be recruited. Rich will ask at tomorrow evening's Nature Club meeting.

Bob noted surveying activity at Pelkington Lake in Deptford. We should contact someone on their E.C. to find out more.

The geese have returned to Wenonah Lake for the winter. Bob erected a barrier, but there is still an excrement problem.

- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Frank is planning to purchase Thompson's Water Seal to apply to the bridges at Synnott's Pond.

Frank is working on adding a public garden along North West Avenue.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:53 PM. (Motion: Newman, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)