

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2013

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 Members Present: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Minutes of the July 10th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** The Synnott's dam is intact, but there is a void underneath the concrete. Dave suggests adding riprap sealed with hydraulic cement. (Cement is \$50 per five gallon bucket.) Bob described the necessary steps. It was decided to hold a work party on Saturday morning at 8:30 AM.

The Dilks Pond duckweed treatment is working well. The Fire Company is again flushing the pond, even though nobody asked them to do so.

Rich did his annual survey of purple loosestrife in the marsh. It is making a comeback, perhaps to 2011 levels.

The borough had a tree cut down along Glen Trail based on a resident complaint. (See *May minutes*.) In the future, any residents approaching WEC about tree issues should be directed to the borough.

The Shawnee Drive erosion situation continues; the Eldridge Trail bridge at the bottom of the hill has clogged up with silt again. This needs to be cleared before the Mad Hatter's Tree Party.

Regarding the unspent Eldridge Trail project money, it was decided to purchase bio-logs for Clay Hill. They will last awhile, then eventually degrade.

Council has passed a resolution in support of "The Circuit" regional trail network (see *June 2013 minutes*). Wenonah is the first municipality in the 9-county region to do so.

The borough newsletter deadline is coming up. Suggested topics: Student Environmental Awards, Mad Hatter's Tree Party, Dilks Pond (before & after photos), and the Gateway football team work on Eldridge Trail in June.

Frank has addressed West Cedar Ave. street runoff problems by dumping 20 buckets of

stone. He has repaired stone vandalism at the Glen Trail bench. Finally, he has placed 4x4's on the Monongahela Brook Trail east of Marion Avenue.

There is no news on the Jack Lerner Eagle Scout project.

At Maple Ridge, the affordable housing issue has at last been resolved! The property is now an active State project again.

- **Capital Projects (Dave Kreck):** Dave and others on the commission have received an anonymous letter alleging sewage discharge at 307 South Stockton. It will be forwarded to the borough for follow-up.

Dave got a tour of the Jonas Transfer dumping site on Bark Bridge Road. New contaminated items have been discovered there in a recent investigation.

Dave found a new encampment between the Mantua Creek Trail and Monongahela Brook on the west side of the railroad.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:36 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Kreck, AIF)