

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2013

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:41 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 November 13 meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Public Guests:** Watershed Ambassador Jessica Aubrey introduced herself. She will be starting an invasive species project in the spring. Dave requested a classroom presentation for stormwater at Wenonah Elementary, as prior ambassadors have done.
- **Chairman's Report:** The trail entrance at West Willow Street has been revised to use only public property, thanks to 3-4 hours of work by Tommy, Dave, and Frank (see *November minutes*). Frank placed a trail marker. Scott will publicize it.

There was a forest fire on November 19 west of Comey's Lake. It started in a pile of logs, but officially is still under investigation. Separately, Bob found and removed an unused fire ring near the Tea House. In the next borough newsletter, Scott will include a reminder that fires are illegal and dangerous.

Bob will provide a Synnott's Pond construction estimate by next meeting.

Rich has encumbered the remaining 2013 borough budget balance (\$1,815) for use in duckweed efforts next year. The 2014 budget request of \$5,000 will cover duckweed as well as restoration efforts at Synnott's.

A date for Fairmount Park seed collection is being arranged. (*See November minutes.*)

Clay Hill erosion control on the steepest portion of the slope will be a spring project. Dave will consult with Bob. A bulkhead is needed; erosion matting won't work.

Bob has repaired the small bridge near the Tea House by installing new plankings.

Frank reports that there are downed trees blocking Mantua Creek, impeding water traffic. He wants to hold a work party in the spring to clear them. He has also been working on securing planks better on the Mantua Creek Island boardwalk.

At Tall Pines: there should be a purchase contract soon. U. S. Fish & Wildlife has created a wildlife management plan.

Borough Reorganization will be on Thursday, January 2nd at 7:00 PM. WEC members should attend.

- **Capital Projects (Dave Kreck):** The recreational trails grant still has \$4,000 left. Dave is investigating whether it is possible use this money to buy bridge decking material for Tall Pines.

Beavers have returned to our area of Mantua Creek. It is not obvious where their lodge(s) are located.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:25 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Kreck, AIF)