

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes  
March 10th, 2004

Bill Schramm called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:36 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Community Building.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bill Schramm (Chair)	X	
Dave Kreck (V. Chair)	X	
Scott Barnes (Sec.)	X	
Bob Bevilacqua	X	
Paula Hayes	X	
Brian Hayes	X	
Bill Schnarr		X

Associate Member Present: Frank Eggert

Public Guests Present: Scott Birkland, Mike Nerz

Minutes of February 11th meeting were approved with two corrections.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Mike Nerz:** Teenagers on dirt bikes from 106 N. Jackson are possibly trespassing on Conservation Lands. Bill Schramm offered to investigate and flag the property lines this coming Saturday.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Synnott's Pond:** Wetlands mark-out is done; cost was \$1000. Survey will be done for free next week by Larry DeVitro. Bob still needs to get labor cost estimates.

Brush clearing was a possible Saturday project; this should be deferred because the flagged trees need to be surveyed first.

- **Trail Maintenance and Spring Work Party:** Frank says he will build a boardwalk on the Mantua Creek Trail behind Mullens' and northwest of the island. One load of topsoil is waiting there.

Also for the Saturday work party: Two buckets of fill are waiting at the head of the Eldridge Trail. Tom Lombardo will help spread mulch at Wenonah Lake. Four trees on the Glen Trail need attention (Scott found two and Frank added two). Need to finish removing brush from the Glen ravine.

Frank wants to build stone steps down to the Glen Dam. He saw some leakage on the side of the dam last weekend. Concern that kids walking on top of the structure might harm it. Bob to investigate stone availability.

- **Wenonah Lake Trailhead:** The State inspected the trail. It refused the reimbursement because the 20% matching investment was \$570 short. Paperwork will be re-submitted to meet their requirements.

- **Foot Traffic Only (FTO):** Scott questioned why the current focus on motorized traffic when FTO is the published policy. Motorized transgressions can be prosecuted under current law; non-motorized ones cannot. Eventually, FTO will be posted on trail entry signs.
- **Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> Environmental Conference:** Runoff was major topic. Mantua's commission becoming more active. Deptford may have Open Space Tax ballot question.
- **Five Mile Hike:** In cooperation with Lake Association. Also, Lions Club is putting on "Anything Floats" competition on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Invasive Species:** State is setting up a commission on this topic.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids' Walk:** School visit on Monday. Will hike at Wenonah Lake, possibly including a canoe component. Reuse booklet on July 4<sup>th</sup> hike.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Eagle Scout Project:** Andrew Travis needs a project. Suggestions centered on the Teahouse: building bench, unearthing amphitheater wall, invasive species. Frank is on the Eagle Scout committee and will get more details.
- **Borough Park Trees:** Ruth Ross wants to donate two 10-15 ft. trees of a fast-growing variety (poplar?). Money will come through Friends of Wenonah Trails. Bill Schramm will look at trees this weekend, including cost of having them planted for us.
- **Borough Stormwater:** New requirements related to NJ Pollution Discharge Elimination System. Borough had to submit plan by last month. Public needs to become involved in this effort, such as by keeping streets clean. Dave will bring regulation details to the next meeting.
- **Plantings at Municipal Building:** Not a WEC project, but Bill Schramm is in charge. Volunteers will be needed in future.
- **Planning Board report:** Changeable copy sign proposed for center of town.
- **Borough Council report:** Mike Nerz' concerns were discussed extensively.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:06 PM.