

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 12th, 2004

Dave Kreck called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:33 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 Members Present: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Public Guest Present: Charlie Bakeley

Minutes of April 14th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Kreck)

OLD BUSINESS

- **4th Annual Kids' Walk:** Great attendance: about 50 kids and 45 adults. A few details to finish up: gift certificates and framed poem to be delivered to the school next Tuesday at the board meeting.
- **Litter Patrol:** Fifteen or sixteen people volunteered; work done in about 90 minutes. \$500 voucher received [now \$2946 in Friends of Wenonah Trails]. In the future, we will clean both sides of this half-mile of roadway about twice a year.
- **Synnott's Pond:** Last Thursday, Dave and Chuck had a pre-application meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The bad news: 319H state grant is for Category 1 waters and Sublist 303D areas (biological or chemical impairment). Mantua Creek is only impaired near Chestnut Branch. Could possibly apply for small (\$20K-\$25K) grant. Dredging is never covered under this type of grant.

The good news: Met Jay of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) who informed us about their Area 18 (Delaware Watershed) grants. Met Mike (Jay's boss) last Friday.

The plan is to make two NFWF applications: one for Synnott dredging, and one for vegetative stream bank stabilization. In addition, will still apply for the 319H as a long shot. Letters of support required from, for example: Council, county, Soil Management District. NFWF applications due June 7th; 319H at end of June. Need to take photos up and down stream, and make construction estimates.

Other news: Survey is done. Wetlands permit is next. \$30K rough labor estimate for pond. Chuck says more donations will be coming. Dam may need to be re-inspected;

last done six years ago.

- **May 15th Garden Fair:** Chuck will be WEC representative at the Teahouse. Ruts at Marion Ave. entrance to lake still need attention.
- **Trail Maintenance:** Lower Bridge on Eldridge Loop has a deteriorated beam (telephone pole) where it touches the bank. Turnpike (drainage device) construction continues on Monongahela Brook Trail; progress is slow. Scott questioned unusual construction activity at the end of South West Avenue. This is a paper street; it might be able to be merged into the Conservation Lands.
- **Website / E-mail:** Woods of Wenonah website probably can't be taken over; it's too personal. Bad information on it still needs to be corrected. Scott and Chuck to synchronize e-mail lists.
- **Borough Park Trees:** Trees picked out; need to be picked up.
- **Borough Stormwater:** No news; unlikely to see any for a while.

NEW BUSINESS

- **June Meeting:** Will be held at Wenonah Lake at 6:30 PM. Bob to bring food.
- **July 5th Hike:** Wenonah Lake at 4PM. This will be a replay of the Kids' Hike.
- **5 Mile Hike:** General consensus was to hold it in fall instead of spring. Canoe trip is probably on September 25th (published calendar date is not a Saturday). Perhaps October 16th will work for the hike. To be discussed more next month.
- **Borough Council report:** Permit to lower Wenonah Lake is acquired each fall. This year, more dredging is required: must nearly empty the lake. May require special attention to catch confused fish.

Public Works area will have 13-15 parking spaces inside the fence. This will function as an overflow area for the Wenonah Lake lot.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 PM. (Motion: Kreck, Second: Bevilacqua)