

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

June 9th, 2004

Corrected as per July 14th, 2004 Meeting

Bill Schramm called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:40 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Lake Pavilion.

<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 Guests Present: Chris Adams, Lisa Braun, Lorrie Forsman

Minutes of May 12th meeting were approved. (Motion: P. Hayes, Second: Bevilacqua)

OLD BUSINESS

- **Synnott's Pond:** Stream bank work is being scaled back due to cost; will do only north of Mantua Avenue at this time. Riprap needed at Woodbury-Glassboro Road outfall, at Mantua Avenue, and at the dam.

Application submitted to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF); Dave thanks all for their efforts to get this out on a short schedule. Award date is September 29th; dollars (if any) will not arrive until November or December. Department of Environmental Protection 319H application still to be completed, but will be very similar to NFWF. While waiting to hear about funding, can apply for dredging permits.

Winter is ideal time for dredging because vegetation is dead. Volunteer labor estimate for stream bank work is 400 hours! Will need 40 people during several weekends next March.

Chuck will look for old photos of the pond, if any exist. Some discussion about approaching Wachovia Bank for a donation.

- **May 15th Garden Fair:** About 30 people attended at Teahouse; Chuck fielded lots of questions.
- **Eagle Scout Project:** Andrew Travis' work is complete. Teahouse area looks great!
- **Trail Maintenance:** Clay Hill is eroding and requires attention this year. Lots of brush clearing in preparation for July 5th. Tree down across Mantua Creek Trail just above Clay Hill.

Monongahela Brook Trail relocation work is off until fall. Frank has investigated a state

law that grants legal indemnity for trails that run through private land. This is not a surefire approach, since the landowner still has legal rights to object to the trail designation.

Frank will place two benches on trail system: one at upper end of Wenonah Lake, and one at the Glen.

Bill Schramm wants town to keep grass under control on approach trail to Hanisey's Landing.

Also: Eldridge Trail Lower Bridge will be reinforced with recycled concrete in the fall. Eldridge Trail Upper Bridge is almost all redecked. There is a dirt pile at north end of Mantua Creek Trail; need volunteer with wheelbarrow to move it to the wet area. (Scott to publicize.)

- **Website / E-mail:** Scott made lots of progress on website recently; will be available for review very shortly. Chuck has been collecting factoids for the site. For example: there are 147 acres or 163 acres of Conservation Land, depending on how it is counted.
- **Borough Park Trees:** This needs to be finished before July 4th.
- **Town Hall Plantings:** No activity.
- **5 Mile Hike:** Canoe trip now fixed at September 25th. (Scott to include on future announcements.) Hike sometime in October, in cooperation with Lake Association.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Batting Cage at Lisle Field:** This project would encroach on borough land (not Conservation Lands) by 30 feet. Existing trees would stay except for one Norway Maple and two hemlocks. Approved on a voice vote. (Motion: P. Hayes, Second: Bevilacqua)
- **July WEC Meeting:** Not at Teahouse (this is August meeting).
- **Tree planting at Wenonah Lake:** Now a fall activity.
- **Borough Council report:** Dave showed plans for the Public Works area redesign. The work will be carried out over 2-3 years, since paving money is scarce now.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 PM. (Motion: B. Hayes, Second: Schramm)