

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes  
August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Bill Schramm called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:14 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act in the Amphitheater at Comey's Lake.

<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	(late)	
Paula Hayes	X	
Brian Hayes	X	
Bill Schnarr	X	

Associate Members Present: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Public Guest Present: Richard Dilks

Public Pest Present: one wet dog

## OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of July 14th meeting were approved. (Motion: P. Hayes, Second: B. Hayes)
- **Synnott's Pond:** Department of Environmental Protection 319H grant application has been denied because it did not involve a Category 1 (impaired) waterway.

Last week, Dave and Chuck met with representatives from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). NFWF made several points: 1) they would prefer to fund stream bank work instead of dredging, 2) they are skeptical about the longevity of any stream bank stabilization, and 3) they favor maintaining a wetland atmosphere instead of a recreational lake. Regarding #1, Dave feels we convinced NFWF about the necessity of dredging.

- **Trail Maintenance:** Mature laurel was destroyed by a falling tree on Breakback Run Trail. (Young laurel is rather rare in town.) Offending tree has been removed.

Trail rails have been acquired to fix the tree root problem on the Eldridge Loop near the Upper Bridge. Stone needs to be moved into the work area. Work party proposed for Monday night at 6:30 PM, perhaps for several weeks. Scott to send recruitment notice.

There are two persistent washout areas: 1) Eldridge Loop at Pine Street, and 2) Sparks residence at end of East Willow Street. In both cases, water draining from the streets needs to be diverted by concrete, stone, or an asphalt berm.

Monongahela Brook Trail from Marion Ave. to the Bog Walk needs fill.

Frank repaired a gap in the bulkhead at Clay Hill. Water bars need installed; this requires another work party.

Scott reported two trees down on the Mantua Creek Trail on either side of the trestle.

- **Website / E-mail:** Richard Dilks' wildflower document can go on the website, but only after sensitive locations have been deleted. Mr. Dilks will make the revisions himself.

External links to the website are needed. Brian will add one to the Nature Club's website.

- **Foot Traffic Only (FTO):** No activity on ordinance. No-vehicles reminder needed in the borough newsletter.
- **Borough Stormwater:** No activity; waiting for guidance from County.
- **Mantua Creek Canoe Trip:** There was discussion about doing a one-way trip. Riverwinds is a good landing, but Paula and Brian feel the Delaware River segment is too challenging for amateurs. Perhaps a private landowner along the creek in West Deptford would cooperate; we should contact their Environmental Commission.
- **5 Mile Hike:** There was discussion about holding this in winter instead of October.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Wenonah Lake Dredging:** Will be done by temporary borough employee. 12 volunteers will be needed sometime in October or November to help direct wayward fish.
- **Council Report:** Council wants to vacate those stub-end streets that are of no practical use to the Borough. Bill Schnarr will get photos, measurements, and the WEC's input.
- **Map Synchronization:** Chuck discovered that State, Borough, and Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission maps don't show our Conservation Lands correctly. He is working to get them fixed.
- **West Nile Virus:** Dead crow found in area.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:21 PM. (Motion: Schramm, Second: B. Hayes)