

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Bill Schramm called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:33 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah 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 Guests Present: Richard Dilks, Claudia Simpson

Minutes of August 11th meeting were approved. (Motion: Kreck, Second: P. Hayes)

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Richard Dilks:** Mr. Dilks made a presentation regarding Purple Loosestrife, an invasive flowering plant which has been seen in increasing concentrations in the Mantua Creek marshes. He presented photographs documenting the expansion, as well as a written report. The State raises and sells beetles which can mitigate the problem by eating the leaves of this specific plant. Committee to review report and discuss next month.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Synnott's Pond:** Last Friday, Dave met on-site with representatives of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

Upstream of the dam, the general feeling was that the banks of the western stream branch need to be preserved. Downstream of the dam, the participants felt fiber logs would be insufficient to control what is fundamentally a runoff volume problem. The DEP, in particular, wants to make a return visit on the runoff issue. In addition, DEP wants us to benchmark the erosion in some way.

Other actions: 1) WEC needs to get in contact with the new owner of the Kummer property, 2) Bob is to determine access needs from Woodbury-Glassboro Road, and 3) Dave is preparing more permit paperwork. The NFWF funding awards are expected to occur in mid-September to mid-October.

- **Mantua Creek Canoe Trip:** There is still no identified take-out area in West Deptford.

- **Wenonah Lake Dredging:** Most permits are in place. Will occur sometime during October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>. Several 30-50 gallon containers are needed to haul fish from the site.
- **Paper Streets:** No status from Bill Schnarr. Dave and Chuck will be working on this, too.
- **Trail Maintenance:** One more Monday evening work party is needed to complete three Eldridge Trail areas: the Pine Street swale, the hill down from Pine Street, and the tree root area near the Upper Bridge. Scott to publicize.

Frank has placed turf at Clay Hill to control erosion problems. A few trees remain to be planted. Bill Schramm's advice would be welcomed.

Also: Steps should be installed at Glen Dam; the town already has the material. The Mantua Avenue / Mantua Creek Trail dirt pile needs to be finished off.

- **Map Synchronization:** Chuck is still working on this. The State land use map shows the town as all "suburban." Corrections can be made easily through the County.
- **Website / E-mail:** Scott contacted a number of other organizations to initiate links to our website; all were successful. We are now on Google as well.
- **Borough Park Trees:** Soon, per Bill Schramm.
- **Foot Traffic Only (FTO):** No activity on ordinance.
- **Finances:** Approximately \$3300 in Friends of Wenonah Trails.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Garden Fair Birdhouses:** The Lake Association has some extras they want to give away. These should be placed in the woods, not in the town proper.
- **2005 Calendar Dates:** Town's deadline is before our October meeting. Need to check with Dawn Human.
- **Council Report:** The North Jackson Ave. motorbike controversy erupted again at the last meeting. There was no real resolution. Breakback Run Trail needs to be watched closely for motorbike incursions. The relatively weak noise ordinance contributes to this type of dispute.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:13 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Schramm)