

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

April 13th, 2005

Corrected as per May 11th, 2005 Meeting

Bob Bevilacqua called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:31 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Community Building.

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

Associate Members Present: Richard Dilks, Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Minutes of March 9th meeting were approved. (Motion: P. Hayes, Second: Schramm)

BUSINESS

- **Finances:** Mr. and Mrs. Derek Pedersen made a \$100 donation. Friends of Wenonah Trails now has \$3910.40.
- **Chairman's Report:** The Adopt-a-Road work party should be moved to April 23rd since we will be eligible for additional State monies at that time. Scott to publicize and intercept wayward volunteers on April 16th, the original date.

Mr. Carabasi at 413 South Marion reported a storm water erosion problem from the street that also affects the neighboring conservation area. He requested planting advice to control the erosion.

Garden Fair will be held on June 4th. There will be a WEC stop at Wenonah Lake, including a reception at 2:30. We should do a trail walk around the lake after the reception.

- **Education (Brian/Paula):** Volunteers being lined up for Kids' Hike. Routing options for the hike were discussed. As usual, there will be a planning hike for the volunteers in the early part of May.
- **Trail Maintenance (Frank):** The four Conservation Area signs are mildewed and need to be replaced. Frank presented several alternate graphic designs for the new signs. General consensus is that a simple "Wenonah" is preferred over "Wenonah Woods." The latter is easily confused with the Woods of Wenonah housing development.

Joe Carson's Eagle Scout project will be the "Dilk's Pond Trail" pending approval of the local Boy Scout Council. Frank presented specifications for the work. Bob is to write a formal request letter to the Boy Scout Council.

It was reported that a bulkhead on the Monongahela Brook Loop bridge washed out in the last storm.

- **Technical (Bill):** The Lake Association is soliciting WEC's opinion on several proposed landscaping changes: 1) removing the flowerbox, and 2) planting wildflowers and tall meadow grass to hide the utility area.
- **Liason (Brian):** The Raptor Project returns to Pitman High School next Wednesday. BirdQuest is on May 7th. The Nature Club is sponsoring a plant sale at the Educational Information and Resource Center (EIRC) on May 12th at 6 PM.
- **Public Relations (Chuck):** At Comey's Lake, west of the Teahouse, a wide "road" leading to the LeGoff property confuses trail walkers. The lane has been blocked off on prior occasions, but someone keeps opening it up again.

Chuck met with Claudia Simpson (owner of former Cornell house). She is willing to fund duckweed removal around Comey's Lake. Also, it was noted that all the stocked fish have died at this point. Chuck suggested that an aerator connected to her house be installed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:51 PM. (Motion: P. Hayes, Second: B. Hayes)