

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

June 8th, 2005

Bob Bevilacqua called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:22 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Lake Pavilion.

| <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

Public Guests Present: Scott Birkland, Lorrie Forsman, Rebecca Kreck

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

BUSINESS

- **Finances:** Friends of Wenonah Trails has \$4064. There was a recent \$500 donation from the Simpson family, \$50 from Ruth Ross, and \$25 from Mr. Macy. A \$500 State/County contribution is pending from the Adopt-a-Road clean-up.
- **Chairman's Report:** The two youths apprehended riding ATVs on the Mantua Creek Trail were from Sewell. At their court hearing, they were given 40 hours community service under the direction of Bill Schnarr.

Possible work parties: completion of Synnott's Dam stone work, and Teahouse invasive species removal. It was agreed to do the latter on Monday, June 20th at 6:30 PM.

- **Education (Brian/Paula):** Most activities for the year have been completed.
- **Trail Maintenance (Frank):** Boardwalk was installed on Mantua Creek Island. This voids the prior plan to put in concrete steps.

Informal quotes have been obtained for replacing the Conservation Area signs. A Pitman shop can match the existing signs' color on marine plywood for \$185 per sign. A Woodbury Heights shop can create signs for \$125, but the materials and color matching are less certain. Joann Sparks will donate one sign; WEC must pay for three others. Frank will gather more quotes and information for next month.

- **Public Relations (Scott Barnes):** Borough newsletter submission was made last week; content was essentially the same as this week's mass e-mail.
- **Technical:** Garden Tour Hike attracted 30 people, some from out-of-town.

- **Legal / Ordinance (Chuck):** Copy of “latest” conservation area ordinance that Bob obtained is actually from 1971. Is there a more recent version?
- **Liason (Brian):** Nature Club is sponsoring a canoe and kayak event originating from Hanisey’s Landing on August 8th.
- **Capital Projects (Bob):** Dave is still working on agreements with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. WEC must raise approximately \$15,000 to make the Synnott’s project a reality.
- **Additional Comments:** Scott Barnes raised again the idea of a booth to promote the Synnott’s Pond project on July 4th. There was general agreement to set up such a booth. The key is to spread out coverage so nobody is stuck at the booth too long.

Paula announced that she and Brian will be resigning from the WEC next month due to a one-year teaching assignment in England.

Scott Birkland was appointed as an Associate Member.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 PM.