

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
December 14th, 2005

Bob Bevilacqua called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:34 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Community Center.

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

Associate Members Present: Mary Ellen Bush, Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Public Guests Present: Bonnie Bell, Lorrie Forsman

Minutes of November 9th meeting were approved. (Motion: Schramm, Second: Schnarr)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** The Stewart Estate plaques have arrived: two for the lake, one for the Mullens property, and one site to be determined. They will be installed in warmer weather.

Moonlight Hike path was discussed. Will start at head of Glen Trail and end at Lentz house on West Willow. To obtain a longer hike, group will take streets to Garden Trail, then proceed westward on Mantua Creek Trail, passing underneath the Trestle.

All members are to submit a project wish list for next year to Bob prior to the next meeting via e-mail.

Motorbike trespassers from May did community service at Wenonah Lake and Town Hall. Justice Sprigman will sentence future violators in a similar manner.

Bob requested \$3000 from Council, plus some carryover from this year. A possible 2006 project is a trail map update. The new map would cost \$1500 for 1000 maps including the cost of revising the existing map.

- **Finances:** Friends of Wenonah Trails has \$5,451; being reserved for Synnott's Pond.
- **Capital Projects (Dave Kreck):** Dump site for Synnott spoils will be the borough lot at Garfield and Cherry. To complete the permit paperwork, Dave needs the sequence of construction and equipment staging locations. U.S. Fish & Wildlife is giving advice on low-lying (water) plant species; Bill Schramm and Rich will advise on the rest.

Remaining permit costs: \$200 for the stream permit, \$500 for the soil erosion permit, a few hundred for the surveyor signature, and \$80-\$100 for certified mailings. The

borough lawyer will file the deed. Wetlands permit will be free.

No public hearings will be required, as stated last month. About 15 trees need to be cut prior to dredging.

- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Work is done for the year. Frank worked 145 hours, including 8 at Dilks Pond and 6 at Synnott's Pond.
- **Public Relations (Scott Barnes):** Rich Dilks' tree document was put up on the web site.
- **Liaison (Scott Birkland):** Nature Club has no plans for a county-wide environmental commission meeting next year, but we will indicate our interest anyway. Scott also pointed out that the Glen Dam is leaking.
- **Council / Legal (Bill Schnarr):** WEC will have a role in the State-mandated storm drain markings.

Bill is working occasionally on the Oak Valley Lake drainage issue. He noted a lot of trash in the area surrounding Oak Valley. A small bridge in that area washed out; Bill replaced it.

- **Additional Comments (Bill Schramm):** Bill spotted golden crown kinglets recently.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 PM. (Motion: Schnarr, Second: Schramm)