

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 12th, 2006

Bob Bevilacqua called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:32 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah 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: Bonnie Bell, Mary Ellen Bush¹, Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Public Guest Present: Dave Ramsey

Minutes of the June 14th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Dilks)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** All permits have been secured for Synnott's Pond work. Contracts with the borough need to be secured next.

On June 16th, 12 8th-graders from Gateway High School helped clean debris from the cut-down tree at Comey's Lake.

- **Legal (Chuck Forsman):** Chuck has partially stained away the Teahouse graffiti. He also created a new sign for the Teahouse.

Duckweed has returned to Comey's Lake; it needs to be removed. The Simpson family has offered to help financially. Based on past experience, there need to be 4 applications of 1 gallon of an herbicide, starting in the spring. Cost is \$1500 per application.

Questions about natural control methods were raised. Previously stocked carp (all dead now) mainly ate algae, and were not effective alone against the duckweed. Rich will research possible alternatives to the herbicide. On a related note, the Comey Lake dam outlet needs to be cleaned.

Chuck presented the text of a letter to be delivered to neighbors of Conservation Lands. After printing, WEC volunteers should split up areas of the town for delivery.

Chuck wants to get the process of Comey Lake dredging underway now. Preparations will take several years in the best case.

¹ Acting as Member to satisfy quorum.

- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** There were four downed trees on the trails recently. Only a messy one on the Garden Trail still needs attention. Frank proposed a series of work parties to take place at 6:30 PM on the next three consecutive Tuesdays. The first one will tackle the remaining tree, as well as debris at the Monongahela Brook railroad culvert. Others will address trail erosion at the north end of Wenonah Lake Trail, and the continuing erosion problems near the Marion Avenue Bridge.

Frank has a plan to start repairs on Glen Dam. Nearby, Frank worked on the footings of the bridge at the intersection of the Mantua Creek Trail and the Glen Trail.

At the Bog Walk, one footing is missing, causing part of the bridge to lean.

On Dilk's Pond Trail, there has been no progress on Joe Carson's part.

- **Education (Rich Dilks):** On Thursday, August 3rd at 6 PM, Rich will lead a Gloucester County Nature Club hike on the Mantua Creek Trail. John Mullens will mow the plain near the Mantua Creek.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13 PM. (Motion: Barnes, Second: Bevilacqua)