

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 14th, 2008

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:35 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Community Center.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Rich Dilks (Chair)	X	
Bob Bevilacqua (V. Chair)		X
Scott Barnes (Sec. / Planning Bd. Rep.)	X	
Scott Birkland	X	
Mary Ellen Bush	X	
Dave Kreck		X
Bill Schnarr		X

Associate Member Present: Bonnie Bell

Public Guests Present: Raleigh Malfitano, Chris Newman

Minutes of the April 9th meeting were approved. (Motion: Birkland, Second: Bush, Approved AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Public Comment (Raleigh Malfitano):** Mr. Malfitano proposes to plant 1000 donated bulbs this fall as an Eagle Scout project. Dan Navins and Troop 50 members will assist. Mary Ellen noted that squirrels eat tulip bulbs; perhaps the planting should be limited to crocuses and daffodils. Mr. Malfitano added that the planting areas will not be fertilized. The WEC gave its consent to the project (Motion: Dilks, Approved AIF).
- **Chairman's Report:** Last year, the WEC initiated an Environmental Award to two 6th grade students consisting of a \$75 savings bond. After discussion, it was agreed to continue the award as-is this year (Motion: Dilks, Second: Barnes, Approved AIF).

The Kids' Hike turnout on May 10th was low, possibly due to the weather. The Cassels' stuffed animal models were a hit with the kids.

The WEC BirdQuest team located 32 bird species at Wenonah Lake and Maple Ridge on the morning of May 3rd. The finds included a Green Heron and a Baltimore Oriole.

Rich made a presentation to the Wenonah Historical Society at their meeting on May 9th. The main subject was Maple Ridge.

The first Sonar chemical treatment was done at Comey's Lake on April 23rd. Two more treatments remain to be scheduled as weather dictates.

Rich looked into the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award program. The prize is basically a photo op with the governor; it doesn't seem worthwhile.

At the first Founders' Day event on June 7th, Rich will present a short talk on "Wenonah Prior to 1871."

Stephanie Berenato is looking for WEC to participate in the Kids' Kamp at Wenonah Lake in mid-July. The terms of participation were rather unclear; Rich will ask her for more details.

Bob and Chuck started to construct a footbridge across Camels Back Run upstream of the Teahouse. Boards have been placed, but it needs more work. Mary Ellen reported that there is a tree down on the trail nearby at East Willow Street.

The July 4th Hike will start at the Glen Trail and proceed north to Mantua Avenue.

Public Works has agreed to take care of a tree that fell from the conservation area onto Diana Solomon's property on April 24th.

- **Public Relations (Scott Barnes):** The Borough Newsletter deadline is tomorrow morning. The WEC article will recap VultureFest and provide a general Maple Ridge update. Scott has also written an article describing how to responsibly recycle various types of electronics.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 PM (Motion: Barnes, Second: Bush)