

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
December 10th, 2008

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:38 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 Members Present: Bonnie Bell, Frank Eggert¹, Chuck Forsman

Public Guests Present: Jim Ceravolo, Tom Murtha

Minutes of the November 12th meeting were approved. (Motion: Barnes, Second: Bush, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** WEC participated in the town-wide Clean Communities Day on November 22nd; we will receive \$500.

The Vulture Festival educational grant program has sent letters to teachers soliciting applications for a new round of grants. The next meeting of the main VultureFest committee will be held on January 6th.

On November 20th, 17 or 18 Girl Scouts (Brownies) participated in a WEC educational hike at Wenonah Lake.

The 2009 borough budget request was discussed. On a voice vote, the committee authorized Rich to make a \$3,000 request. (Motion: Barnes, Second: Bush, AIF)

Robert Pritchard of Alexander Drive invited K&K Tree Service to quote on tree trimming around Synnott's Pond (*see November*). Rich was present when the tree service visited. K&K wants to remove 8 trees, but this will not significantly reduce leaf litter. They also suggested: raking leaves so they don't blow in, and lowering the water level twice a year.

Frank noted that the Synnott's dam is not watertight, but it is not difficult to fix. Scott noted that Mr. Pritchard, in an e-mail, offered to purchase stone for the entire western branch of the stream, in addition to the previous eastern branch offer (*see November*). Chuck believed that wintertime would be a good time to use heavy equipment to erase the peninsula we have been working on.

Rich looked at options for a different canoe launch site (*see November*). It would be feasible to create a trail from Hanisey's Landing to the mouth of Breakback Run, all of

¹ Acting as member to satisfy quorum.

which is on borough property.

- **Public Comment (Jim Caravello):** Mr. Caravello, an avid fisherman, described the various species he has found in Comey's Lake: bass, pickerel, sunfish, carp, crappie, and catfish. He feels that summertime is the best time to fish. He wonders why we are intent on getting rid of the duckweed.
- **Liaison (Scott Barnes):** Debbie Mix of South Jefferson Ave. – who has provided many pictures for the WEC website – has suggested that we create a town environmental calendar as a fundraiser. Scott feels we have more than enough pictures for such an endeavor; the bigger challenge is to find an economical place to print it. This is perhaps a project to start in the summer of 2009.
- **Additional Comments (Rich Dilks):** Bill Schnarr's term is expiring; we need to find someone to replace him. Rich will be talking with Dave Kreck about whether he wishes to remain as a member. Also, Rich will be approaching council members such as Phil Kaeferle to see if one of them is willing to serve as a member.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 PM (Motion: Eggert, Second: Barnes, AIF)