

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
September 9th, 2009

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:36 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Municipal Building.

<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
Chris Newman	X	

Associate Member Present: Chuck Forsman

Public Guest Present: Barb Capelli

Minutes of the August 12th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Newman, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Public Comment (Barb Capelli):** Ms. Capelli spotted an albino red-tail hawk yesterday on South West Avenue. This is likely the same bird spotted previously at Maple Ridge.
- **Chairman's Report:** The Conservation Kids' Camp attracted a dozen children ranging from 4 to 12 years old.

Chris presented the Arbor Day Foundation renewal options. We will order 10 flowering trees this year. Bob suggested that we plant the trees temporarily at the wood chip lot on Garfield Avenue.

Rich presented the design concepts for the Garden Trail created by Alan Koch, the county's landscape architect. It was pointed out that the Women's Club paid \$500 for plantings there in the year 2000. Also, Milt Webb's ashes are there. Rich will reach out to the Women's Club for their input before we make any further decisions.

The Keep Wenonah Green fundraising appeal (joint effort with Shade Tree Commission) is going to be mailed soon by the Borough. 930 labels have been printed.

Due to key personnel absences, we will not participate in the Haunted Trail this year.

For the Fall Work Party on November 7th, Synnott's Pond will be our focus. The pond is slowly filling up with cattails and sediment. The trails are sinking in some areas and need stone. Trees along Woodbury-Glassboro Road need trimmed. Also, we need to finish the stream stone placements funded by Mr. Pritchard.

The WEC municipal budget has a remaining balance of \$3400. Suggestions for using it include: fixing the eroded Lenape Trail entrance to Comey's Lake, buying additional stone for Synnott's Pond, and buying pond rakes to help keep Synnott's clean.

Madeline Kreck completed 3 hours of volunteer work by helping manage the Kids' Conservation Camp. She could accumulate additional hours at the Fall Work Party.

An inspection of the entire trail system is needed (*see August minutes*). The inspection duties were split as follows: Eldridge (Bob), Comey's Lake (Chuck), Mantua Creek (Scott), Wenonah Lake (Rich), Monongahela Loop (Rich), Breakback (Rich).

A proposal for the Recreational Trails Program grant request needs to be made at tomorrow's Council meeting in order to meet the December application deadline (*see August*). Bob said the known costs include \$5,500 for lumber and \$1,600 for the architect. Unknown costs are the abutments and Dave's engineering charges. Chuck recommended that the bridge be made wide enough for a Bobcat; Bob agreed. Bob added that the request could be expanded to cover other bridges as well as additional stone on our trails.

Rich made his annual inspection of the Mantua Creek loosestrife situation on August 11th. There have been no dramatic changes since last year.

- **Council/Legal (Chuck Forsman):** Chuck spoke with Ken Atkinson of the County regarding Maple Ridge; there are no new developments.

Chuck spoke with the Comey's Lake fountain distributor about the device's effectiveness. They recommended patience. The device will be removed for the winter sometime in November. Chuck also distributed documentation about the device.

At Wenonah Meadows (former Lizzi property), the water tap to Woodbury has been finalized in principle after protracted negotiations.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:16 PM (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF)