

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
December 9th, 2009

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:28 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	
Chris Newman	X	

Associate Members Present: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman, Lorrie Forsman
Minutes of the November 11th meeting were approved. (Motion: Kreck, Second: Birkland, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** Route for the December 30th Moonlight Hike was discussed. Consensus was to start at the school and hike around Wenonah Lake.

WEC will receive \$300 from the borough for participating in Clean Communities Day on November 21st.

Rich received a thank-you card from the Tiger Scouts for the hike on November 13th.

Old conservation-area signs were discovered while cleaning the Community Center. The signs could be put up near Stewart Estate plaques or used as booth decorations. Both require some repair work.

Mary Ellen will be stepping down as a member, so a replacement is needed. After discussion, the candidates that Rich will approach will be: Tom Lombardo, Tom Murtha, Margie McWilliams, and Pete Zupko.

WEC's borough money needs to be encumbered in the amount of \$3,250 for Synnot Pond dredging work next year. (Motion: Barnes, Second: Kreck, AIF) On the subject of the borough's fire boat (*see November*), Scott Birkland found that it is too big; it requires a trailer to move. Scott suggests that we buy Wenonah Lake Association's boat which has a slow leak; he will approach Carl Hausman with the idea.

Dave said the Recreational Trails Program grant request needs ½ hour more work. There will be a \$70 bill for an endangered species survey. A DEP permit and formal plan will be required upon grant approval. Also, it was discovered that there is no formal record of borough ownership for the 27 acre tract at Comey's Lake; this must be cleaned up.

The damaged conservation sign near the Mantua Creek Trail has been replaced.

Vulture Festival VEE grant solicitation letters will be sent out in January.

At Synott's Pond, Mr. Pritchard will be removing a small maple overhanging the pond and a large dead oak near his house, both at his expense.

- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert / Chris Newman):** The washed-out bridge on the Mantua Creek Trail needs more work this weekend if weather permits. Rich noted that the Mantua Creek was extremely high today; parts of the trail are completely under water.

Chris reported that the 10 Arbor Day trees have arrived. Madi Kreck will plant them in a protected area of the borough lot at West Cherry Street.

- **Council/Legal (Chuck Forsman):** There is no word from the County on Maple Ridge. Also, coyotes have been found near town.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:31 PM (Motion: Kreck, Second: Birkland, AIF)