

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

(Corrected as per July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting)

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:30 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
Dave Kreck		X
Tommy Lombardo	X	
Chris Newman		X

Associate Members Present: Mary Ellen Bush, Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman  
Minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF)

### BUSINESS

- **Public Comment (Joe Berg):** Mr. Berg presented a model of his Eagle Scout sign project (*see January minutes*). Three signs are now planned: Wenonah Lake, Dilk's Pond, and Comey's Lake. He will consult with WEC about the exact location of each sign.
- **Public Comment (Scott & Tyler DeMuro):** Scott DeMuro proposed to install rails on wet portions of the Mantua Creek Trail for his Eagle Scout project. Tyler DeMuro proposed to improve the canoe launch at Hanisey's Landing for his Eagle Scout project. No objections were raised to either project. They will attend the next WEC meeting after consulting their scouting leadership.
- **Public Comment (Bob Pritchard):** Mr. Pritchard offered to donate stone and labor to line Camelback Run above Synnot's Pond. Bob Bevilacqua said 10 tons of stone would be \$300, and 25 tons would be \$560. A work party was scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM so WEC volunteers could assist as well. Mr. Pritchard also expressed concern about the integrity of one of the boards in the dam.
- **Public Comment (Bill Klaus):** Mr. Klaus, a Wenonah resident, made a short presentation on the Sustainable New Jersey program. 270 municipalities have registered to date. There is no cost to the borough to register, but a resolution of Council is required. After registration, the borough can apply for grants to go for certification. A "Green Team" of 5 people is needed, which Mr. Klaus is willing to head. After discussion, WEC recommends that Council register for this program. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF)
- **Chairman's Report:** The WEC 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Environmental Awards were made to Christian Dugan and Julie Weikart.

The Nature Club proposes a "Mad Hatter Tea Party" theme for the Trees of Gloucester

County joint walk planned for late October in Wenonah (see *May*). The exact date is now in question.

- **Public Relations (Scott Barnes):** Glen Green invited everyone to come to his Mantua Creek Kayak & Canoe race this coming Sunday, 6/13. The boats will start near the Route 45 bridge, go upstream to Wenonah, then turn around.
- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Frank has re-laid 100 feet of boards on Mantua Creek Island. In addition, the bulging bridge joint at the south end of the island has been repaired.

Frank noted that Glen Trail trailhead area is overgrown and in need of cleanup. He proposed a work party for June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Frank expressed concern about the slow water flow at Synnott's Pond. After discussion, the general consensus was there was not much more we could do to improve the situation.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:49 PM (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF)