

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2011

(Corrected as per April 13, 2011 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	
Bill Klaus	X	
Dave Kreck	X (7:33)	
Tommy Lombardo (Mayor)	X	
Chris Newman		X

Associate Members Present: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Public Guest Present: Max Pozza

Minutes of the February 9th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** The Department of Environmental Protection will issue a "deficiency letter" regarding our Recreational Trails Grant application; this is not the same as a rejection. Dave proposes that his firm prepare conceptual existing conditions and site plans to satisfy DEP's needs. Cost will be \$500 to the borough budget; the rest will be a donation. On a voice vote, this expenditure was approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF except Kreck abstaining)

The Stewart Estate requested that we report any problems encountered within lands to which they have contributed. We will report erosion as an ongoing concern, but nothing more serious.

Gloucester County Nature Club is requesting that WEC co-sponsor BirdQuest at the \$100 level. On a voice vote, this was approved. (Motion: Kreck, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)

Rain Barrel Workshop was a success: 12-14 barrels were made, including 2 for WEC. A rain *garden* workshop could be done in the future.

Bob will bring a "bobcat" to clean up Comey's Lake this Saturday. \$600 will cover the equipment, lowbed, and operator.

Spring Work Party on March 19th at Shawnee Drive will require a truckload of stone (\$600) plus gabion baskets, rebar, and silt fence. Who will cover the use of the borough front-end loader and its operator? The borough or WEC? Tommy will inquire at tomorrow's council meeting. Hay bales cost \$42 each.

Kids' Hike calendar: school visit will be on April 8th. Collect poems and artwork on April 18th. School board can judge on April 19th. Bob will make arrangements with the school.

- **Public Guest (Max Pozza):** Mr. Pozza wishes to build 4-6 sitting benches on our trails as an Eagle Scout project. Some alternative projects were proposed by members: adding a boardwalk to wet areas of the Mantua Creek Trail, repairing the Hanisey's Landing canoe launch, and addressing Clay Hill erosion.
- **Chairman's Report (cont'd):** July 4th hike route is needed by the Lion's Club. The consensus was to start at the Garden Trail (to showcase recent work), then continue on the Monongahela Brook Trail, then the Monongahela Brook Loop, and finish at the Tea House.

Bill reported on the Sustainable New Jersey application: we have 110 of 150 points. 10 points were deducted from the school arts program due to an unexpected, after-the-fact reappraisal. We are giving up on formal certification for now. There is still some access to grant money.

At the Stone Pool Garden, Frank is still working on the wall. He will propose a work party to finish the job.

Friends of Maple Ridge met last evening. The major outstanding issues on the Green Acres grant application are: policing of the property, identifying a management entity that is suitable to the State, and providing some undetermined level of matching funding.

Frank proposed ordering 100 white pine seedlings for \$70 plus shipping. On a voice vote, the expenditure was approved. (Motion: Barnes, Second: Kreck, AIF)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:47 PM. (Motion: Kreck, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)