

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2011

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:31 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	
Tommy Lombardo (Mayor)	X	
Chris Newman	X	

Associate Member Present: Frank Eggert

Public Guest Present: James Thompson

Minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. (Motion: Newman, Second: Kreck, AIF)

### BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** At Comey's Lake on 3/12, Bob arranged to remove a large tree and other debris from the water. Dam covers were removed and sticks were extracted from within. Cost was \$675.

At the Spring Work Party on 3/19, 13 volunteers laid 21 tons of stone near 3 Shawnee Drive. Gabion baskets and rods were donated. Cost to borough will be \$627. The improvements in silt trapping were evident after just one rainstorm.

Bob found out about an American Water Co. grant opportunity last month with a tight deadline. He applied for \$1682 to cover erosion control measures.

100 white pine seedlings have been received. Frank has planted some; Bill will plant the rest.

Kids' Hike walk-through will be next week, whenever the weather is good.

Cub Scout hike requested for 5/19 at 3:45 PM. Route will be Mantua Creek Trail to South West Avenue. WEC will purchase 10 sets of Tree Cards from the Nature Club at \$5 each to give to the attendees.

At the Stone Pool Garden, Frank and Bob are doing stone work which will be completed in 2 to 3 weeks. Algae in the pool are a concern; they can be countered using a chemical treatment called "dark water" in combination with skimming.

Frank wants to call a work party to clear brush on the Garden Trail. Chris can help. Wednesday, April 20 at 9 AM.

Maple Ridge owner's request for outright state purchase was turned down. Next best scenario is 50% state funding with 50% from other sources. A public funding drive will be

announced at Bird Quest on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The owner has committed to set up a \$100,000 maintenance fund if the property is sold for preservation; this will defuse arguments that property maintenance of a park will be a burden on taxpayers.

At Clay Hill, Frank built a bulkhead. The Boy Scouts are to backfill it. Frank will plant grasses in potting soil, with yellow flags to mark the affected areas.

Frank met with Max Pozza regarding the proposed Eagle Scout project. Frank encouraged him to improve the Hanisey's Landing canoe launch. No further news.

- **Capital Projects (Bob Bevilacqua / Dave Kreck):** Comey's Lake Fountain will be placed starting at 8:30 AM on 4/16.

Stone was dumped at the eroded area off West Cedar; John Mullins spread it.

On the Recreational Trails Grant application, the DEP objects to the proposed bridge work on Eldridge Trail; they want a flood hazard study. Dave will try to finesse the permit requirement after we receive grant money.

- **Sustainable Wenonah (Bill Klaus):** Firehouse lighting was upgraded. HVAC work is coming up.
- **Public Relations (Scott Barnes):** Boy Scout Island is accumulating large items of household trash again. Even though it is formally in Deptford Township and owned by the State Department of Transportation (verified with a GPS) neither of those entities will ever manage the property. Scott may call a work party in the near future to help wheel out the bigger pieces to South West Avenue.
- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** The Woman's Club wants a sign at Stone Poll Garden; this is the finishing touch for the project. Design possibilities were discussed. WEC logo as well as their logo (if any) should be included.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:46 PM. (Motion: Kreck, Second: Lombardo, AIF)