

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2011

Corrected as per November 9, 2011 meeting

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:29 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah 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 Members Present: Mary Ellen Bush, Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman
Minutes of the September 14th meeting were approved. (Motion: Lombardo, Second: Klaus, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Public Comment:** Sue Belski of Community Energy explained her company's offering of a 100% renewable residential electric plan, half of which is generated from NJ wind.
- **Chairman's Report:** Last Saturday at the Garden Trail Bridge, concrete was poured in preparation for lifting the steel beams with the excavator on 10/22. At the Bog Walk, the bridge approaches were improved and lake drainage was improved.

On Saturday 10/22, work areas include: Eldridge Trail, the Rt. 553 shoulder near Synnott's Pond, and excavator work at the Garden Trail Bridge.

Other hurricane-related projects have been completed: the dislodged boardwalk on Mantua Creek Island, the dislodged bridge at Synnott's Pond, and downed limbs on the parallel section of the Monongahela Brook Trail.

Chuck discussed the erosion at the end of East Cherry Street with Tom Capaldi. He had no objection to addressing the problem. Should borough resources be used on private property? A borough utilities easement is involved. Tommy will bring it up at the Council meeting tomorrow.

For the November 5th work party, is Clean Communities funding available? Bob will check. The 3 Shawnee Drive erosion problem was also discussed. Dave suggested that a semicircular dam could be installed at the toe of the slope, but this would be a big job. In the short term, we could place sandbags at the edge of the gabion baskets.

No official word on the Recreational Trails Grant application yet.

Due to the wet August, Dave was able to determine that 1/7th of the borough's water usage goes to landscaping!

At the Wenonah Craft Fair, Jane Mayer and Donna Raggio won rain barrels.

The Mad Hatter's Tree Party will be on October 30th. There will be briefer talks at the various stops along the trail. At the Tea House, there will be minimal refreshments and food. It will be promoted at Wenonah School. No registrations will be taken this year.

The Wenonah Green Acres application for Maple Ridge was discussed. Tommy wanted to know who will pay to write up the application. Rich said the Mantua Township planner will offer their Maple Ridge application as a template. Dave will help out as a volunteer.

Chuck questioned the ongoing maintenance of Eagle Scout projects. Joe Berg's signs are already faded.

- **Planning Board (Scott Barnes):** Wenonah Meadows (former Lizzi property) is up for public auction.
- **Public Relations (Scott Barnes):** Margie MacWilliams is organizing her own canoe/kayak trip on the Mantua Creek this Saturday.
- **Capital Projects (Dave Kreck):** Lenape Pump Station will be rebuilt this fall. The trail entrance will be closed during the work.
- **Trail Maintenance (Chuck Forsman):** Comey's Lake fountain needs to come out at the end of November.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Kreck, AIF)