

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2012

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:38 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 Members Present: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman<sup>1</sup>  
Minutes of the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting were approved. (Motion: Forsman, Second: Lombardo, AIF)

### REORGANIZATION

- **Officers:** Rich Dilks as Chair, Bob Bevilacqua as Vice-Chair, Scott Barnes as Secretary and Planning Board Representative. (Motion: Forsman, Second: Lombardo, AIF)
- **Official Newspaper:** Gloucester County Times for Open Public Meeting Act notices. (Motion: Barnes, Second: Forsman, AIF)
- **Time and day of meetings:** Second Wednesday of month at 7:30 PM (except June and September at 6:30 PM). (Motion: Barnes, Second: Forsman, AIF)

### BUSINESS

- **Capital Projects (Dave Kreck via email):** Dave has purchased 200 square yards of coconut fiber erosion matting. He will consult with Alan Koch regarding vegetation to plant underneath the matting. He is also working with Alan Koch and the South Jersey Land & Water Trust on the planned rain garden at the library.

Regarding the trail grant: the more expensive Flood Hazard Individual Permit is absolutely required. (See *December minutes*.) Dave will ask the borough to formally approve the work and to issue a bond.

On Maple Ridge: Dave is proceeding on Wenonah's Green Acres application, even in the absence of input from Mantua's township engineer.

On the Lenape Pump Station: construction will start in late February.

- **Chairman's Report:** The 1/9 Moonlight Hike had two attendees: Rich and Scott. The next hike should be on a Friday evening and should start earlier. It was decided to move the next hike to Friday, 12/28 at 8 PM.

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<sup>1</sup> Acting as Member to satisfy quorum.

On Maple Ridge: the 12/19 walk-through by two Parks & Forestry officials was positive. The state's new official appraised value is \$3,335,500. The owner has not provided any feedback on this new value. Mantua Township is expressing some reluctance to maintain the Deptford portion, despite past assurances.

Vulture Festival planning is getting underway. There are fewer vultures this year than in prior years. The next meeting will be on 1/19 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Work parties are suggested for: 1) blockages in Monongahela Brook near the Loop Trail that could cause trail flooding, and 2) to install new erosion matting at Clay Hill. Scott suggested that the large downed tree on the Mantua Creek Trail near Boy Scout Island be addressed as well.

Frank suggests buying a chain for Bob's saw because we are using it in the water. He feels this is a better option than the WEC buying a saw or using an existing borough-owned saw.

- **Council / Legal (Chuck Forsman):** The Simpsons are still willing to pay the electric bill for the Comey's Lake fountain. Rich will write them a thank-you note.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:24 PM. (Motion: Lombardo, Second: Barnes, AIF)