

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2012

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:32 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: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Minutes of the April 11th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Newman, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Public Comment (Christy Chandler):** Ms. Chandler thanked the WEC for the recent donation of 6 books to the Home & School Council.
- **Chairman's Report:** Bob repaired the Garden Trail #6 Bridge after vandals set fire to it. The Stone Pool wall was also seriously vandalized again; Bob is working on cementing it together. In a possibly related development, a section of woods east of Wenonah Lake was burned on Easter weekend; it has been ruled as arson.

Notices will be put in the School Newsletter and Borough Newsletter. Notices were also sent out to our email list and included in a 4/18 Gloucester County Times article.

Council has approved use of surveillance cameras in the woods. It was agreed to purchase two hunting-type cameras which record images on memory sticks, plus associated signage. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF.) Rich will purchase the cameras. Bill will buy inexpensive warning signs.

The Wenonah Library Rain Garden was installed yesterday. WEC is responsible for keeping it up, with the cooperation of the school (and not just the 5th graders).

Gloucester County Nature Club is offering a free display board made of PVC pipe to WEC. It seems useful for indoor events only, so it was decided to decline the offer.

WEC will take part in the Ice Cream Social on 5/21. Bob will resurrect the "bean bag board" used in the past. Other give-away items will be determined later.

It was decided to again offer two \$75 student environmental awards to graduating 6th graders.

Fourth of July Walk route was discussed. It was decided to start at the Wenonah Lake trailhead, go up the railroad bed, then go around the lake perimeter.

Comey's Lake duckweed strategies were discussed. A state permit is required for any chemicals. Goldfish seem like an inexpensive and low hassle solution. It was agreed to purchase 200 fish at \$0.75 each. (Motion: Newman, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF.)

Maple Ridge preservation is headed toward a State Nature Preserve, not a State Park. Two anonymous donors have pledged to match all public contributions made by June 30th up to a total of \$10,000. If a deal is not completed by the end of June, the owner will begin construction of utilities for which they have permits. There will be a gala fundraising event on June 16th at Delor Cornell's house; the entire town will be invited.

The cutting of a walkway along Woodbury-Glassboro Road from Monongahela Brook to Academy Hills cannot start until the City of Woodbury completes work on their buried water line.

- **Liaison (Scott Barnes):** The Lenape Pump Station project will be starting on Friday. Dave says the trail entrance will be blocked off for about 6 weeks. A public notice will go out via the website and email.
- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Frank was been working on the island portion of the Mantua Creek Trail.

Frank wants to hold a work party to repair vandalism on the Glen Trail (including the sitting bench) and to cut brush which is blocking the old Mantua Creek channel around the island. It will be held 5/16 at 5 PM. Meet at the Glen Trail head; shovels and wheelbarrows would be useful.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF)