

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2013

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:32 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

Minutes of the Dec. 12, 2012 meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Dilks, AIF)

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Jack Lerner:** Mr. Lerner, an Eagle Scout candidate, presented plans to install a floating dock at Hanisey's Landing, and to install wood chips on the path leading up to the dock. After discussion, the plans were deemed acceptable; Rich will write a letter to the Boy Scouts.

### REORGANIZATION

- **Officers:** Rich Dilks as Chair, Bob Bevilacqua as Vice-Chair, Scott Barnes as Secretary and Planning Board Representative. (Motion: Lombardo, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)

### BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** The Moonlight Hike on 12/28 was a resounding success. 22 or 23 people attended.

Bob Pritchard requested that the WEC sign a letter certifying landscape work he had paid for on his own initiative around Synnott's Pond in the past year (for tax purposes). It was agreed to do this once, but only if he acknowledges that any future work requires WEC pre-authorization. Otherwise this would set a bad precedent.

WEC received an anonymous letter alleging illegal sewage discharge. It was agreed to forward the letter to the borough for further action.

Regarding the Mantua Creek beaver dam: Unexpected Wildlife Refuge has offered to install a leveling device. This includes an intake on the bottom of the stream, 40 feet of tubing, and an outflow in the middle of the dam. The intake is constructed in such a way that the beavers cannot plug it up. Installation and materials would cost about \$600. Rich has personally visited the Mantua Township property owners (Bob and Karen Lewis, Block 163, Lot 12) who approve of the installation. After discussion, it was agreed to have the device installed. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Klaus, AIF)

The Home & School Council donated \$125 in appreciation for the recent series of

after-school nature activities we ran. There is the possibility of another 4-week program in the spring.

Frank reported that he relocated the trail on Mantua Creek Island to reduce its vulnerability to flooding. One ton of new stone has been put down.

Large-scale digging and land disturbance has been reported adjacent to Breakback Run Trail on the Schultes property at 205 West Elm. The disturbance is all on private property, so there is nothing we can do.

Shade Tree Commission chairman Gary Odenbrett has proposed a joint committee to manage improvements to Wenonah Park. After discussion, it was agreed that the WEC would designate one or more representatives to this committee.

The only news regarding Maple Ridge is that a new appraisal has been completed. The property's value would not be changed by the proposed subdivision of 14 affordable housing units.

The Five Mile Hike will take place at 1 PM on Saturday, 2/2. Trail conditions are acceptable as-is. Scott will promote the event.

Tommy will try to pick up refuse in Wenonah Lake this weekend while the water level is low.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:39 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF)