

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2013

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 Member Present: Frank Eggert

Public Guests Present: Maria Ceravolo, Sharon Ceravolo, Ryan Koenig

Minutes of the October 9 meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF)

## BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** Ryan Koenig, owner of the former Lentz property (204 W. Willow, Block 67, Lot 1) is concerned about hikers cutting through his property to access the trail system, sometimes damaging silt fencing in the process. Rich suggested an on-site meeting with Mr. Koenig and interested WEC members on Friday, 11/15 at 4 PM.

The Fall Work Party on 11/2 was successful. All but 5 coir logs were put in place between Shawnee Drive and Eldridge Trail. The remaining logs were placed under a tarp on-site.

Regarding Synnott's Pond: Bob believes that restoring the pond is not practical. He will have cost estimates by the next meeting regarding the stabilization steps mentioned at the last meeting.

Regarding duckweed: an increased borough budget would be needed to pursue chemical treatment at both Comey's and Dilks. Rich will see if it is possible to encumber money from the present budget for next year's project. Scott asked whether neighboring homeowners could help out at all, even for a token amount; Rich will ask again.

The City of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park has requested permission to collect seeds of the pinxter plant from our conservation area. Bob suggested that a WEC member be present at the collection to establish a relationship or partnership. It was agreed to approve the request. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF.) Per Borough Code, Council must also approve the request. Bob will attend the 11/21 Council meeting since Rich cannot.

The next borough newsletter article is due on 11/18. Scott will include: Fall Work Party photos from Rich, a brief mention of Synnott's Pond, a mention of Volunteer Appreciation Night, and a reminder that firewood and seeds may not be collected from the conservation area.

Gary Odenbrett requested that Rich look into trees being removed at 202 E. Pine Street (Block 79, Lot 2). Rich visited on 10/24 and found dead tulip poplars, but none that were growing in the conservation area.

Bob will be repairing loose planks on the small bridge near the Tea House. He also cut away a section of tree that fell at Hanisey's Landing.

Frank spent four hours digging a channel underneath the "Spring" bridge on Eldridge Trail. (This is downstream of the Shawnee Drive erosion issue.) Eventually this channel will need to be extended into the swamp.

Friends of the Park had a meeting on 11/11. It was decided to raise \$25,000 to buy a kit to erect a gazebo on the existing concrete slab. The completion goal is July 2015. Also, Bill Schramm is performing a new survey of trees and shrubs.

Regarding the Jack Lerner Eagle Scout project: Frank reported that Jack showed up at a district committee meeting. The project cannot proceed until the plan is revised, however.

Friends of Tall Pines is undertaking 501(c)(3) incorporation work. 11 persons have agreed to serve on the board of trustees.

- **Liaison (Scott Barnes):** The Planning Board has approved the subdivision of a duplex at 105 North East Avenue. As a result, the two halves of the duplex may now have different owners. No physical changes are being made.
- **Capital Projects (Bob Bevilacqua):** Nature Club and Land&Water Trust members should be invited to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Night, especially those involved in Maple Ridge. Rich will extend the invitation.
- **Mayor (Tommy Lombardo):** A Glassboro-Camden Line public meeting is scheduled for 11/19, 6-8 PM at Pitman High School. Conceptual plans for a Wenonah station will be shown. Eventually residents will need to decide whether a station should be built here or not.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:24 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF)