

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2014

Chairman Scott Barnes called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:37 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Community Center.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Scott Barnes (Chair. / Planning Bd. Rep.)	X	
Bob Bevilacqua (V. Chair)	X	
Rich Dilks (Sec.)		X
Bill Klaus		X
Dave Kreck		X
Tommy Lombardo (Mayor)		X
Chris Newman		X

Associate Members¹ Present: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Minutes of the June 11 meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Forsman, AIF)

Chairman's Report:

Review

On 6/17, there was a log clearing work party at the railroad bridge. The creek is now passable for kayaks at that location.

On 6/21, Jess Aubrey joined in our work party to clear Wisteria from the Tea House area. It was decided to truck the large pile of vines out of the area. Bob cut down a downed tree blocking the path, and Tommy trucked out the vines to Public Works the following Friday.

On 6/25, Scott presented the WEC 6th Grade Environmental Awards to Julianna Farina and Thomas Sparks at the school's graduation ceremony.

The July 4th Nature Walk had a turnout of about 14 people. Thanks to Rich for providing the refreshments at the Tea House.

We received an unexpected \$500 donation from Chris Crisman Photography of Philadelphia. This company was holding a photo shoot in Wenonah Park, and provided a donation to a town volunteer group to be designated by Karen Sweeney. Rich sent them a thank-you letter.

The Facebook Page for Friends of Wenonah Trails has garnered 111 likes in its short existence.

Current Business

The Comey's Lake fountain has been repaired and will be placed once again by Tommy and Bob. Separately, Princeton Hydro will be visiting the lake this week to treat for duckweed.

Frank will be seeing Jack Lerner at a scouting event soon, and will inquire about correcting the deficiencies at the Hanisey's Landing Kayak Launch.

Bob will contact Maria Ceravolo about having her son Daniel finish placing stone at the Synnott's northwest bridge.

¹ Both acted as Members to satisfy quorum.

Regarding Clay Hill, Bob requested that we investigate Milliken Concrete Cloth. This is a specialized fabric that can be applied over an irregular surface like the slope we're having trouble with. After moistening, the cloth hardens into concrete. It costs about \$6.25 per square foot.

Frank reported that erosion is scouring the foundations of the Garden Trail bridge installed in 2011. Tommy will wheel in dirt reclaimed from just downstream in the creek.

At Glen Trail, a maple tree top broke off. Debris needs to be hauled to the street. Frank wants to hold a work party next Tuesday at 6:00 PM.

Elsewhere on the trails: Frank cut down a tree on the Breakback Run Trail, and also secured a loose section of the boardwalk there. The Stone Pool sign was once again knocked down by vandals; Frank fixed it.

Frank proposed fixing the burned-out hole in the floor of the Tea House since he has the lumber to accomplish the job. After discussion, it was agreed *not* to do the repair.

The balance in the FWT account is \$8,785.35.

Scott reported that the lawsuit against the Planning Board regarding the approval to convert Wenonah Meadows to a non age-restricted project has been decided in favor of the Planning Board at the Appellate division of Superior Court. The suit was brought by a citizens group led by Mark Cimino.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:13 PM. (Motion: Forsman, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)

Minutes Respectfully submitted,
Scott Barnes