

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2014

Chairman Scott Barnes called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 6:30 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Tea House Pavilion.

<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	
Dave Kreck	X	
Tommy Lombardo (Mayor)	X	
Chris Newman		X

Associate Members Present: Maria Ceravolo

Public Guests Present: Julie Ream, her two sons, Dan Ream & Carl Ream, Jack Lerner, Kyle Bright.

Minutes of the August 13 meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second Lombardo AIF)

Chairman's Report: Scott Barnes

Scott reported that Bill Klaus had contacted him and resigned from the WEC. Scott, with the approval of the Commission, invited Associate Member, Maria Ceravolo to serve as a full WEC member. Maria agreed to do so. Scott also invited Julie Ream to become a WEC Associate member and she accepted. Tommy will inform Karen Sweeney of these personnel changes.

Current Business

Rich reported on Princeton Hydro's duckweed control activities at Dilks Pond and Comey's Lake. Dilks Pond is in good condition. Rich noted that duckweed growth on Comey's Lake has increased this past month and that numerous small patches are now present. Princeton Hydro last inspected the lake on 8/19. They will do another inspection on 9/12. Rich has informed them of the duckweed growth and requested they keep us informed of treatments. The final installment on our contract will come due in September. Rich is awaiting receipt of the invoice. It was also noted again that the Comey's Lake fountain will be stored for the winter and not installed this year.

Scout Jack Lerner made a report on his eagle project kayak launch at Hennissey's Landing. He said he has increased the buoyancy, painted the structure green with paint that adds traction to the surface and made a needed repair. He said he considered the project complete. He also said to his knowledge, no additional action by the WEC is needed.

Bob reported he was unable to locate the tree Frank said was blocking Mantua Creek near the Glen Trail area. He will consult with Frank. The Garden Trail bridge erosion problem was also noted.

Scott reported on the "party site" encampment on Mantua Creek Trail and noted it needed to be cleaned up. He scheduled a work party for Fri. 9/19 at 4:00 P.M. meeting at the end of S. West Ave. Volunteers Dan & Carl Ream and Kyle Bright agreed to participate.

Student Projects

Daniel Ceravolo- Bob has contacted Daniel and the local scout leaders to schedule a work party at the former Synnott's Pond site. Bob will attend the scout troop meeting next Tues. evening to talk to the scouts.

Maddie Kreck- Dave reported Maddie could not make tonight's meeting due to a schedule conflict but plans to attend in Oct. and present materials she has put together for the Young Person's Nature Guide to the conservation area.

Long Term Projects

Bob and Dave indicated that the concrete fabric we are considering for Clay Hill should first be used at the site of serious erosion on Camels Back Run at Synnott's Pond. Dave estimated cost at \$500. (@\$5 per ft.). Rich will check the balance remaining in our budget before we authorize any expenditure.

Rich noted he has not been contacted by Greenland Nursery concerning the seed collection request.

Scott noted there are no formal plans as of yet from the GCNC concerning the proposed late winter festival.

Trail Maintenance

Kyle Bright noted the paint vandalism at the Glen Trail bench.

Bob reported there have been no further problems at the tea house since the police talked to the boys in question.

Rich reported the island portion of Mantua Creek Trail is in good shape and an interesting walk this time of year. He also noted the north channel of the creek there is now silted up again with no flowing current.

Additional Items

Dave reported that Borough street repairs are continuing and that a gas main was accidentally struck during work on Synnott Ave.. He also reported the grant application for improvements along Mantua Ave. has been filed

Scott reported there was no Planning Board activity since our last meeting.

Scott also submitted the WEC article for the fall Borough Newsletter

Scott said our Face Book site still needs content, and photos, include vintage ones, would be useful. Both Bob and Julie said they may have some that would be suitable.

Scott noted the Friends of Wenonah Park are meeting tonight at the Community Center.

Rich reported on Maple Ridge saying the state has signed the contract to purchase and settlement will likely be this fall if no problems are found as a result of the environmental testing. Rich also reported the Friends of Maple Ridge has agreed to become an autonomous committee within the SJLWT.

Rich reported the FWT account has a balance of \$8,785.35 and that there was no account activity in the past month.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:04 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF)

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Rich Dilks, Sec.