

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting
Minutes
July 12, 2023

Vice Chair Julie Ream called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:35 in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the at the Jack Shepard Community Center.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Scott Barnes (Chair. / Planning Bd. Rep.)		X
Dan McCue	X	
Scott Conway	X	
Rich Dilks (Sec.)		X
Julia Horn	X	
Dave Coates	X	
Julie Ream (V. Chair.)	X	

Associate Members Present: none.

Public Guests: none.

The minutes of the June 2023 meeting were approved as standing.
(Motion: Coates, Second: Horn, AIF)

Vice Chairman's Report- Julie Ream

Review:

Frank Eggert Memorial awards given to Avarie Parsons and Maya Sanchez – not discussed since neither Scott B nor Rich were present.

Independence Day Hike: Sunday, 7/2, 11 AM – Scott Conway noted that 8 people attended the hike. They started at Eldridge Trailhead, continued to the Bog Walk, to the Garden Trail and returned via Pine Street. He suggested that the hike taking place two days before the Fourth of July activities may have suppressed attendance.

Trail Maintenance

Teahouse. Scott Conway said he cleaned chalk drawings from the Teahouse again by sweeping with a damp broom. Julie said she would no longer be checking/taking the trash away since she moved and Dave Coates volunteered to pick up this task. The cost of the contractor grade trash bags could be reimbursed as needed.

Mantua Creek Trail. Scott said there is a lot of overgrowth on the now sunny MCT, especially along the Glen Trail.

Wenonah Lake. Scott Conway said he is planning a strategy for replacing puncheons, likely starting with the easier ones first.

Monthly Educational Articles. Julia said she had just posted a "Leave no Trace" article especially for new families with children.

Sign Projects. There was a brief discussion regarding the replacement of the "Joe Berg" signs. Julie explained her idea of "Mantua Creek watershed" signs with maps... and will send the materials she has gathered to Dave Coates and Julia Horn for review (Julie will consult as needed). She will also send the Fossil Graphics quote for new signs to replace the three old

ones. There was some discussion about the cost (\$3K+) with Dave Coates offering to make a cheaper version of the signs.

Finding a New Member. Since Julie has now moved from Wenonah she would like to find someone to take her position on the WEC.

Friends of Wenonah Trails Account Activity since the June 2023 meeting.

Covering the period 6/14/23- 7/12/23.

Deposits: \$30.00 donation by check.

Expenses: none.

Current Balance: \$10,202.40

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:30 PM.
(Motion: Conway, Second Coates: AIF)

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Julie Ream, Vice Chair.