

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

April 14th, 2004

Bill Schramm called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:35 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Community Building.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bill Schramm (Chair)	X	
Dave Kreck (V. Chair)	X	
Scott Barnes (Sec.)	X	
Bob Bevilacqua	X	
Paula Hayes		X
Brian Hayes		X
Bill Schnarr		X

Associate Members Present: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Public Guest Present: Sarah Harbold

Minutes of March 10th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Schramm)

OLD BUSINESS

- **Spring Work Party:** A great success. Some desire to start at 9 AM instead of 8. First Saturday of March is best; won't interfere with sports activities.
- **Synnott's Pond:** Larry DeVitro was ultimately unresponsive on surveying needs. Dave has an alternate contractor who can do the job in two days -- probably next week -- for \$1600. Due to the extended timeframe of this project, Dave will arrange for a new meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Gloucester County Soil Conservation District.

Dave wants to apply for a "319H" Water Quality Grant that could fund construction. \$3.8 million is available statewide in this funding cycle. Notice of intent is due April 30th; final proposal due on June 30th. Working with Senator Sweeney's office to help the application along. Unclear if WEC is allowed to initiate the application. Subcommittee of Kreck, Forsman, and Bevilacqua proposed to take quicker action on this project.

Chuck presented a list of County contacts he has established.

Should scope of project be expanded into Comey's Lake? Silt from Synnott affects Comey directly. General sentiment was to "go for it."

Bob made some preliminary labor estimates. About 1000 cubic yards of spoils will be generated, or about 67 truckloads! Two bulldozers would be required. More formal estimates will follow survey.

Motion to submit application was approved. (Motion: Kreck. Second: Schramm)

Chuck presented a \$1000 donation check from Bob Pritchard for this project. (Balance in Friends of Wenonah Trails will be \$2506 after this donation.)

Chuck suggested separate account for project donations. Some discussion ensued about making Friends of Wenonah Trails a 501(c)3 non-profit. Chuck also suggested additional publicity for the project.

- **Trail Maintenance:** Lower Bridge on Eldridge Loop needs redecked. Nearby, there is an obvious tree root problem on the trail; Frank prescribes rails and broken-up concrete backfill.

Monongahela Brook Trail relocation is 100 feet from completion. However, there is a water seepage problem that requires a PVC drainage pipe to be installed.

- **Website / E-mail:** Chuck says that Woods of Wenonah website is badly out of date; Scott to contact Randy Solem to investigate taking it over.
- **Wenonah Lake Trailhead:** State reimbursement received and DONE! Bob to send thank-you letters to Sen. Sweeney, Congressman Andrews, and DEP, among others. Could also invite dignitaries to the trail for the July 4th hike.
- **Foot Traffic Only (FTO):** Two motorbike transgressors caught by police.
- **4th Annual Kids' Walk:** Borough police to bring motorbike to emphasize FTO rules. Boating component of the event will be deleted, per Bob.
- **Borough Park Trees / Spring Seedlings:** Bill Schramm is still shopping for trees. Seedlings have yet to be dug in Pennsylvania.
- **Borough Stormwater:** Dave passed out regulation details. He is now the borough coordinator on this issue. Borough is waiting for cues from County.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Litter Patrol:** Woodbury-Glassboro Road, April 24th, 9:00 AM at bank. Friends of Wenonah Trails is adopting this stretch of road through a county program.
- **Borough Council report:** New pole barn in public works area. Dave to bring plans. Landscaping likely to be done by volunteers.

Also: Wenonah Lake to be dredged under the diving board, but not earlier than November. Mulch pile moved to locked area at Garfield and Cherry.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Sarah Harbold:** May 15th Garden Fair: WEC representative to talk about Tea House reconstruction and invasive species. Ferns to be planted on stump in Amphitheater. Desire to get Andrew Travis' project underway ASAP.

Lake Association needs three trees replaced near the pavilion. Bill Schramm estimated a cost of \$100-\$125 each. Lake Association to provide funding to WEC.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:38 PM. (Motion: Schramm, Second: Bevilacqua)